



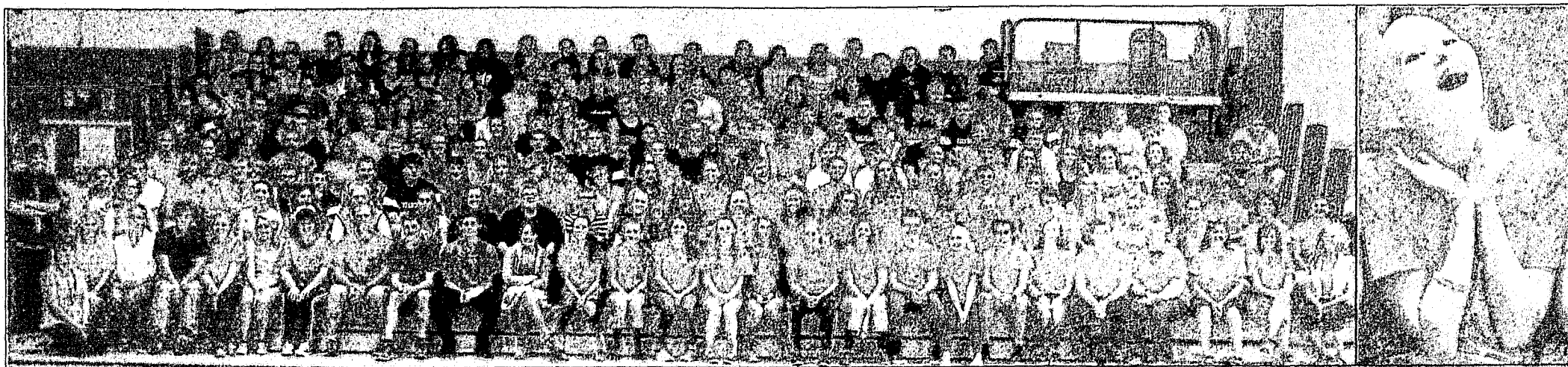
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Rebels rally for Regan



Telstar junior Regan Kauf was diagnosed with leukemia earlier this year, and has been receiving treatment. Last Friday Telstar held a joint rally for both Regan and the Rebel sports teams. As a show of support for her, many students and staff wore orange - her favorite color as well as the official color symbolizing leukemia awareness - and brought a dollar to school to help with her expenses. Here, the student body sat for a photo with Regan (who is in the first row at center right, and in closeup). This Friday students will again show support for another student who has leukemia, Jonathon Locke, by wearing "Jeans for Jonathan" and again donating a dollar. This week also features Homecoming activities at Telstar. *A. Aloisio*

Grease police to check restaurants but Bethel homeowners might also be at fault in sewer problem

BY ALISON ALOISIO

The Bethel Wastewater Treatment Plant recently received an "unsatisfactory" rating from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection regarding the presence of cooking grease in its system. As a result, selectmen Monday endorsed a plan for Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Warden to check the grease trap setups of

some two dozen restaurants, stores and schools to see if they are in compliance with town ordinance.

According to the DEP report, "The facility has recently been stricken with a steady influent source of grease. It is suspected that there are one or more restaurants or kitchens that have neglected to clean their grease traps or are lacking grease traps altogether ... An

extra effort will be made by the CEO to inspect the food service facilities and make any establishments found to be in violation to come into compliance."

The report said that specifically, "flakes" of grease are accumulating in tanks and equipment at the plant. The operators have added more baffling to help capture and retain the particles, and they also regularly skim

grease from the tank. "Fortunately, these additional efforts are keeping any noticeable grease from being discharged in the facility's effluent," the report said.

The treated effluent goes into the Androscoggin River. "The bottom line is we've got a problem," said Selectman Don Bennett.

Town Manager Christine

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Freshman Academy enters second year

BY AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

Last Friday's dedication of the Bolger Outdoor Center at the Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center offered those in attendance a glimpse of the facility where the Telstar High School freshman class spends a part of every day.

The barn-like post-and-beam structure is home to the Learning Center's Harvest for Health initiative, promoting the ideals of healthy food and nutrition, physical fitness, and community service.

The space includes a science classroom, as well as an indoor climbing wall, funded by a joint grant awarded to SAD 17 and SAD 44. Both school districts work with the 4-H Camp and Learning Center to offer innovative educational initiatives, and students from both districts use the facility.

This year's SAD 44 ninth graders are the second class to participate in the Telstar Freshman Academy, a collaboration that bases the students at the 4-H Camp and Learning Center for most of their academic classes.

The program utilizes the Lakeside Lodge classroom building and the new Bolger Outdoor Center, as well as the woods and fields surrounding them, to provide students with experiential learning opportunities geared toward helping them meet Maine's new performance-based education standards.

Program changes

When the initiative was first announced for the 2014-15 school year, it was met with skepticism and resistance by some parents and students, but it got off the ground with a "soft start" a year ago.

During the 2014 fall semester, students made occasional day-long trips to the Bryant Pond facility, as well as an extended overnight visit. In January, they began spending four mornings a week at the Learning Center, where two pairs of Telstar teachers taught them on alternate days.

This year, with some adjustments to the structure and

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Andover feels the financial impact of school withdrawal

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Tax bills that in part support the new independent school system in Andover, which separated from SAD 44 July 1, went out late last month. The mill rate jumped from 15.6 to 19.6, according to town officials.

Some of that increase is attributable to a rise in the municipal side of the budget, town officials said, but the

school impact was significant.

The town has heard complaining about the mill hike, said Selectman Jane Rich last Thursday, but no one she has talked with seemed caught off guard.

"They knew it would happen," she said. As the school withdrawal process headed for a vote last year, the Andover Withdrawal Committee and its consultants warned

about the financial consequences.

Residents voted 288-103 to withdraw and form the independent Andover School Department. The town now has complete control of the K-5 Andover Elementary School, which has about 30 students. Older students are tutored to other schools.

"There was opposition [to withdrawal], but not sufficient to overcome those in

favor," said Rich, noting that at the school budget meeting in June, voters added another \$20,000 to the budget. The budget totaled nearly \$1.5 million, with about \$200,000 in state aid. Part of the costs include start-up expenses and one-time money owed to SAD 44 as part of the withdrawal agreement. As a member of SAD 44 last

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Selectmen OK Bingham access road survey

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Bethel selectmen Monday approved spending \$2,000 to \$2,500 of Bingham Forest Authority money for a survey/title search of the Daisy Bryant Road.

The decision followed a sometimes-contentious meeting last week of the BFA, at which member Jarrod Crockett argued against Selectman Don Bennett's plan to talk individually with a dozen landowners on the road. The Selectboard wanted to try to avoid spending everyone's money in court to determine if the town has a valid easement over the road to access the forest for recreational purposes (see last week's Citizen).

Crockett also said that Bennett had the potential appearance of a conflict of interest that he should have disclosed at last week's selectmen's meeting, when the decision to approach the landowners was made.

At the BFA meeting, Crockett quizzed Bennett on how he was conducting discussions with the landowners. Bennett said he had already talked with several of them, and had determined they did not have a problem with the traditional use of the road for access to the Bethel Water District reservoir or logging operations. The issue, he said, is the recreation access.

But Crockett said the individual approach was problematic. "You're going to conduct 12 different negotiations," he said. "When you do one-on-one, different stories can come out."

Crockett also said he, as an attorney, could not ethically be involved in a process that dealt directly with people already represented by their own attorney in the dispute. He said he might have to resign from the board if the situation was not resolved in a way in which he would feel comfortable.

He also said the decision to take Bennett's approach was a political one, and all parties would be better served by seeking an objective declaratory judgment from a court. Then, if needed, the issue could go to mandatory mediation with a trained mediator, he said.

"I want to get it out of the political process," he said.

Crockett also said that Bennett, a logger who has worked with the New England Forest Products company - which is also the BFA's forestry company - should have disclosed that relationship at last week's selectmen's meeting, when it was decided

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LINING UP FOR CHOWDAH-The 18th annual Bethel Harvestfest took place Saturday, on the last day of an unusually warm spell of September weather. A large crowd turned out to sample chowder, apple pie, cider and other foods of the season on the Common. Here, a long line of chowder fans waited patiently for their samples from area restaurants. For the first time in history, the winners of the Chowder Cook-Off competition were the same for both the Judges' Choice and Peoples' Choice categories. They were: First Place, 22 Broad Street at Gideon Hastings House; second, Sudbury Inn; third, Black Diamond Steakhouse & Sunday River Brewing Company. *A. Aloisio*



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Letters

TRANSPARENCY AND SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

To the Editor:

I would like to thank the SAD 44 School Board Directors who support the effort to improve transparency with the public at this time. As reported in the Sept. 17 Citizen, there is resistance to the timing, with one Director expressing that "...it's not so huge an issue that it's going to drive the board to neglect or drop the things that we're focusing on right now that are priorities." I respectfully observe that at least one item on the Board's plate right now (Newry withdrawal) is a priority partly because of a lack of transparency in past decisions. Transparency is clearly an issue to be fixed sooner rather than later.

Although the school board recently heard from the District's lawyer that once they're elected, they serve the state, the students, and the school and not the people who elected them, I urge the Directors not to turn away from the parents and citizens who have a vested interest in school transparency or any other aspect of school policy and educational challenges. Parents who have entrusted their precious children to SAD 44's K-12 public education especially deserve to have their views formally heard and considered. The lawyer cautioned Directors not to base their decisions on whether or not residents agreed with them, but to use their judgement to do the right thing for schools. So, how do they form their judgments? During my years on the school board I welcomed perspectives from the public as I educated myself on issues prior to a vote, just as I welcomed the recommendations from the board subcommittees and the administration. Some Directors attended statewide school board conferences to learn how things are done in other places and what possibilities exist for SAD 44, while others gained insight from professional publications and their own personal experiences. There is no good reason or legal requirement for Directors to limit the sources of information they consider as they form their judgments. Citizens' perspectives are a valuable source that should not be ignored. I hope the board seeks to improve transparency in not only informing the public about school decision-making, but in listening to the public as well, with a formal procedure for receiving public input and sharing it among all school board directors.

Policy KA is one of the "School-Community Relations" policies and is a good place to start. Apparently there are no "administrative procedures" developed for that policy at this time. Administrative procedures are where the rubber meets the road for school policies because they define exactly how each policy will be implemented in SAD 44. This is a great opportunity for the District to engage the public in developing the content for the KA procedures. The community is one-half of the "School-Community Relations" policies after all and clearly should help design the relationship. The policy committee should call a public meeting to gather perspectives and brainstorm ideas for the procedures. I believe the Superintendent is ultimately responsible for writing the procedures, but how he comes upon the content can most certainly include public input and the recommendations of the policy committee. A public meeting would send the message that the District values the school-community relationship; to exclude the community would be baffling and wrong. Formalizing transparency requirements in the policy procedures is essential to ensure accountability by the District and long-term success.

There are many sensible ideas being discussed among interested citizens at this time and it's time for the District to initiate a formal, open, public dialogue on the subject of transparency.

Pat Nasta
Bethel

LIBRARY RAFFLE WINNERS

To the Editor:

Congratulations to the three winners of the Bethel Library Association's 2015 Dining Raffle! The lucky ticket for Package A, which includes gift certificates donated by Camp Restaurant at Sunday River, Cho Sun, Jolly Drayman, Good Food Store, Bethel Inn, and Sunday River Brew Pub, was purchased by Brooks Morton. Package B, with donated gift certificates from 22 Broad Street, Mill Hill Inn, Camp Restaurant at Sunday River, Pat's Pizza, and Black Diamond Steakhouse, now belongs to Ruth Blakney. The lucky winner of Package C, filled with gift certificates donated by Sudbury Inn, Rooster's Roadhouse, Funky Red Barn, Kowloon Village, Smokin' Good BBQ, and S.S. Milton, goes to Dylan Van Buren.

Our hearty appreciation goes out to all of the incredibly generous local restaurants who have made this important Bethel Library fundraiser possible for the third year in a row. You are our heroes. And of course, to every last one of you who purchased tickets or simply made a donation, you have played a part in the success of our Library. Finally, many volunteer hours went into this project, and we are grateful to everyone who helped in any way. Thank you to all!

Martha Siegel
Bethel Library Raffle Committee

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SUPPORT THE CROP WALK

To the Editor:

Walk three miles in solidarity for people around the world who have to walk for water or food and don't have much to eat. This is the 10th annual CROP Walk in the Bethel area, Sunday, Sept. 27, starting at West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel at 12 noon, with a picnic lunch at 11:30. CROP stands for Communities Respond to Overcome Poverty. Money is raised for Church World Service with 25 percent staying in the area for the Bethel Food Pantry. Individuals or groups get pledges of money for the international and local work.

Church World Service has contacts in place around the world and programs established to promote small business projects, often called micro-lending. These women who often get these loans are very faithful about returning the money so more can gain from the programs. Then when an emergency might occur, like the earthquake in Haiti, CWS has contacts in place to facilitate additional assistance. They stored vast quantities of emergency blankets and school kits and hygiene kits in the Dominican Republic in preparation for a hurricane in the region. These came in use almost immediately when the earthquake hit. And Church World Service has partners in Somalia and South Sudan, working to reach those most in need during the extended drought.

The Bethel Food Pantry has switched from individual appointments to a schedule of every second Monday of the month. Use has increased, with a need-based application prior to getting the food. As the number of people accessing the pantry has increased, so has the need for financial support. All money from the Bethel District Exchange supports the food program.

All ages are included in the walk, which will go on rain or shine. People around the world don't have a choice about their need to walk for essential needs and to carry water and firewood. All of us have a chance to support these people. All supporters are invited to a potluck picnic at the church at 11:30. Bring some finger food to share.

Contact Jane Chandler 357-3524 for more information.

Jane Chandler
Woodstock

HARVESTFEST THANKS

To the Editor:

The 18th Annual Bethel Harvestfest & Chowdard Cook-off, presented by Hancock Lumber and organized by the Bethel Area Chamber, is now in the history books. Wow, what a great day with perfect weather, good crowds in the area and happy faces all around.

As is our custom, it is incredibly important to recognize all the businesses and individuals who helped the chamber staff to make the event happen. Our organizing committee of Steve Etheridge, Ron Savage, Amy Amann and Rene McGrew are first on this list of those to thank! We truly would not have been able to pull this off without them!

Our generous sponsors provide the resources to create the event venue! These businesses have stepped up for many years in an extraordinary way! Hancock Lumber, Oxford Networks, Allen's Coffee Brandy, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Pepsi Beverages Company, Oakhurst Dairy, Sysco Foodservices of Northern New England, Good Food Store, Mahosuc Realty & Rent Bethel, Dunkin Donuts, Gleason Media, and new this year, Baxter Brewing. Our hats are off to you!

The chowder is the big attraction and we are so honored that the following restaurants were able to participate this year! First our top three winners: 22 Broad Street at Gideon Hastings House, Sudbury Inn, and the Savages Restaurants (Black Diamond Steakhouse & Sunday River Brewing Company). Also - The Hitching Post, Rooster's Roadhouse, The Bethel Inn Resort, SS Milton, The Barking Dawg Market, and The Phoenix participated. All the chowders were delicious and fed a delighted crowd!

The Good Food Store sponsored the Apple Pie contest and we would like to thank all the apple pie bakers who entered their best pie, as well as Black Diamond Steakhouse and Roosters Roadhouse who made and donated apple crisp as well as the River View Resort who donated the ice cream! Congrats to Beverly Sylvester of the Sudbury Inn who won the best Professional Pie award, Will Hadfield for the Best Traditional Pie made by an amateur (he is four years old!) and Sheila Reardon for the Best Non-Traditional Pie!

A fantastic team of volunteers helped us before, during and after the event! Many thanks to: Ellie Andrews, Nancy Babcock, Fred Bailey, Diane Barras, Carla and Gaelan Boyle-Wright, Dave Brunett, Catherine Chamberlin, Anita Clark, Barb Dion, Bob Dion, Deb, Dave, Hattie and Teddy Doyle, Steve, Fran and Ben Etheridge, Dave Freiday, Jim Grover, Sara Hemeon, Scott Hynek, Heidi James, Lynn Kulik, Jessie Marin, Suzanne and Mike Marshall, Rene McGrew, Marta Opie, Lizz Peacock, Mia Purcell, Ron Savage, Dave Scanlan, Brian Scheidiger, Savannah Sessions, Brian Simpson, Leand Steve Smith, Sarah Southam, Kim Sparks, Alex Strugatskiy, Lloyd Sweetser, Joan Westfall, Doug Zinchuk and Jan McGrath. Tables and chairs came from all over town, so thanks to the West Parish Congregational Church, the Bethel Historical Society, the Bethel Fire Department, the Bryant Pond Grange, River View Resort, Bethel Alliance Church, and Black Diamond Steakhouse.

Additional thanks to Pine Tree Waste, the Doyles and Ron Savage for helping us to manage the waste created at the event. It was our sustainability goal to keep as much of the waste out of the landfill as possible, so we ordered compostable paper goods from Sysco Foodservices, Ron Savage supplied us a trailer to haul all the food waste and compostable paper goods and cutlery to the Doyles' compost pile - and Pine Tree Waste donated a zero sort container where most of the other waste was deposited. There was next to NO WASTE in the traditional dumpster!

Many events were held throughout the area to accompany the Harvestfest including a Harvestfest bike tour organized by Barker Mountain Bikes. Thanks to everyone for making it a memorable weekend for all!

Jessie Seymour Perkins, Julia Reuter and Robin Zinchuk
Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

THANKS FROM 4-H CAMP

To the Editor:

On behalf of the University of Maine 4-H Camp and Learning Center at Bryant Pond, I'd like to extend a sincere "Thank You!" to the Bethel Inn for their generous donation of \$750 towards our 2016 Camper Scholarships Fund. The money was raised as part of their "Upper Andro Two Fly Fishing Contest" held Saturday, where eight teams competed.

Donations like this are an important part of getting young folks to summer camp that need financial assistance. Thanks for your continued support!

Ron Fournier, Director
UMaine 4-H Camp and Learning Center at Bryant Pond

Grease

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Landes said some establishments that are not in compliance might have to spend three to four thousand dollars to fix the problem.

A list of establishments in Bethel showed some have grease traps that are inside the building, while others are exterior.

Bethel WWTP Supt. Rob Gunderson said the exterior ones are the most efficient, because "Mother Nature" cools down the grease, giving it a better chance to solidify instead of being transported as liquid away from the building.

He said interior traps can work satisfactorily if the installation and size is correct. But, he said, some may be installed too close to the sink and therefore the hot grease flows right through them.

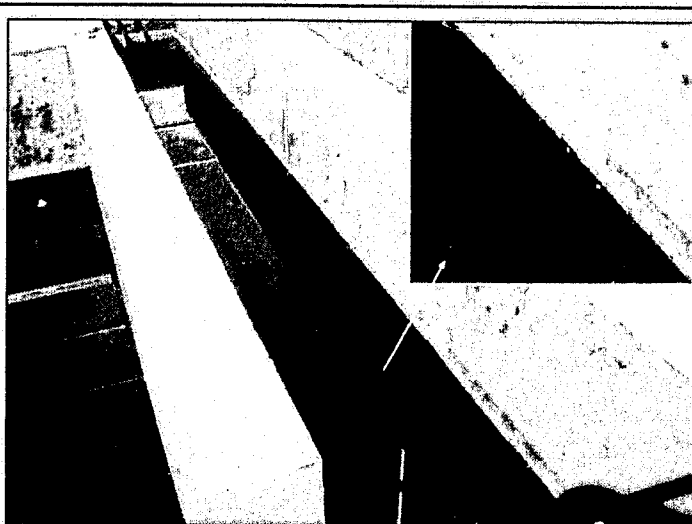
Gunderson said he has been told by some businesses that their traps are always clean, but that may be an indication they are not working properly.

The town officials also decided to put a notice in the next round of residential sewer bills asking homeowners not to dump cooking oil and grease down their drains. Rather, they should let it harden and throw it in the trash.

"It's real hard on a septic system, too," said Gunderson.

In all other categories of the DEP evaluation, the Bethel plan received satisfactory ratings.

Sewer budget
In other sewer-related busi-



White specks visible in the water at the Bethel treatment plant are grease flakes. The water, after treatment, goes into the Androscoggin River.

D. Bennett

ness Monday, selectmen approved the WWTP budget for FY16.

Operating expenditures are projected to be \$344,043, up from the previous year's \$281,570, due in large part to making a part-time operator's position full-time. The salary and benefits, combined with other employee benefit increases, account for about \$43,000 of the increase.

Expanding the operator's position was recommended for several reasons, town officials said, most importantly safety because of the aging infrastructure at the plant. There have been concerns about one person alone staffing the facility. A DEP safety report from five years ago recommended the equivalent of three full-time employees.

Under the capital improve-

ment budget, selectmen approved using funds remaining from a Rural Development grant/loan (\$668,000) toward a new garage and dewatering system, as well as grit and influent pump replacements, at the treatment plant.

Also approved were \$40,000 for a truck replacement and \$15,000 to replace a main on Philbrook Street. Those funds will come from user fees, town officials said.

An apples-to-apples, bottom line comparison between last year's and this year's overall department budget is difficult because of the \$1.3 million grant that was received, and the amounts of it used each year, Landes said. Also on Monday, selectmen awarded the winter sand bid to R.A. Tibbetts for \$6.95 a yard.

Our Back Pages

BY DANNA BROWN
NICKERSON

10 years ago: Workers from Environmental Projects, Inc. of Gray were in Bethel to collect resident's hazardous waste for proper disposal.

Former Bethel resident Louise Robiller and her daughter, Verina, lost their Mississippi home in Hurricane Katrina.

Deaths: Milton E. Mills, Myrtle Jane Sylvester, Mary E. Aldrich.

20 years ago: The Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge was formally dedicated in a ceremony at the Potter Farm in Errol.

A group of Key Bank employees helped with cataloging in the Crescent Park School library.

Births: Alexander Johnson and Dayton Jefferson Westleigh, Eric Adam Plawlock, Christian Micah-Ivan, and Clinton Micah-Ivan Lawton.

Deaths: Lee M. Billings, Mildred L. Martin, Susan O'Donnell.

30 years ago: Challenge '85 at the Bethel Area Health Center had raised \$76,274 toward its goal of \$98,600.

During the summer season, 28 youths from the Hyde School, Bath, assisted with cleaning up the summit of Old Speck in Grafton Notch State Park.

Birth: Allan James Brown.

Death: George E. Merrill.

40 years ago: Arthur Head and his logging crew, with chief engineer Ronald Snyder, was constructing a 126-foot bridge over Wild River to give loggers access to National Forest timber in Shelburne and Bean's Purchase, N.H.

The Chamber of Commerce was looking for color photos to use in a 24-page Bethel brochure they hoped to publish.

Deaths: Herbert G. Berry, George W. Afholderbach.

50 years ago: One-way signs were erected at Spring Street.

The Western Maine Art Group held an exhibition at Bingham Auditorium in conjunction with Gould's Parents' Day.

Lloyd Lowell's Western Auto Store was sold to Norman Young.

Births: Mark Alan Clanton, Tony Lynn Bennett, Katherine Leah Swain, Stacey Lynn Houlihan, Richard Saunders.

Deaths: Eben E. Rand, Mrs. Ethel K. Lorenzen, Mrs. Dorothy Tuttle Kent, Frank Gorman.

60 years ago: The last mail from the Gilead post office left Friday, Sept. 30. The post office was established July 4, 1823, with Thomas Peabody as postmaster.

The Newton & Tebbets Mill in West Bethel was totally destroyed in a midnight fire. Loss was estimated at \$100,000.

Birth: Ann Marie Rolfe.

Deaths: Earl A. Buck, Mrs. Hattie D. Besse, Irwin D. Farrar.

70 years ago: Lt. Jane Chapin, ANC, was stationed Nichols Field, Manila.

Leon Wilson, Hanover, and Ed Warren, Newry, exchanged places. The Wilsons became proprietors of the Bear River tea room and cabins.

80 years ago: About 200 people attended the Old-Fashioned dance at the Bethel Grange Hall.

Gould class of 1913 held their reunion at Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Abbott's cottage on Twitchell Pond.

The state road relocation between South Bethel and Locke's Mills was surveyed. **Deaths:** Mrs. Flora B. Merrill, Paul Swan.

90 years ago: Bethel Primary School held a tag day to buy playground equipment.

The Bethel corn factory, owned by F.J. Tyler, closed with a pack of 243,200 cans.

Deaths: Liscose A. Hall, Norman C. Dudley.

110 years ago: The annual Bethel Fair at Riverside Park was open Sept. 26, 27, and 28.

D.S. Hastings was having the foundations for a new house on Mason Street put in. A crew of men was working on the sewer extension, on High and Church streets.

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Impact

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Ken Dixon, Dinah Cutting and Ruby Kulpa discuss Andover's tax hike outside The Andover General Store in Andover.
A. Aloisio



The Andover Elementary School, with a bus the Andover School Department got from SAD 44 in the withdrawal agreement.
A. Aloisio

year, Andover paid just under \$700,000.

"It's democracy, Rich said of the withdrawal decision. The people who are interested enough to participate in the process, she said, "tell us what to do."

Withdrawal, she said, "is an experiment. We don't know how it will work out."

Town Office officials said that after the tax bills went out, a couple of residents came into the Town Office to see if their acreage numbers might be off, perhaps entitling them to a tax abatement. But the town's figures were accurate, they said.

One resident applied for a state Property Tax Fairness Credit, a program that provides a refund for people whose property taxes are more than a certain percentage of their income.

Another resident, Brenda Stickney, who with her husband moved to Andover from out of state 13 years ago, thought she had left high taxes behind.

"We've seen this and suffered through this before, in the town where we grew up: excessive tax hikes every year, all because a slim majority of taxpayers were convinced they needed more and more expensive 'things' that most really couldn't afford," she said. "That's why we left. You try to live within your means."

Tax equity
On Thursday morning most of the people out and about in Andover Village were, not surprisingly, retirees - the segment of the population many thought might be most affected by a tax hike. They had mixed feelings on the withdrawal.

Sitting outside at the Andover

General Store, Ruby Kulpa said her taxes had gone up \$600. She believes the tax burden is spread unevenly because Andover has not had a town-wide revaluation since the 1990s. "We need a revaluation," she said. "Those who came here in the last 10 years are paying through the nose. It burns me. People who have done remodeling are not being taxed on it."

She came to town 11 years ago.

Kulpa predicts the tax hike "will put a lot of people in foreclosure, and they're going to be moving out. I hope I'm wrong."

Dinah Cutting, sitting with Kulpa, quoted a man she had talked to about withdrawal and the tax increase. "Maybe we made a mistake," he said, said Cutting.

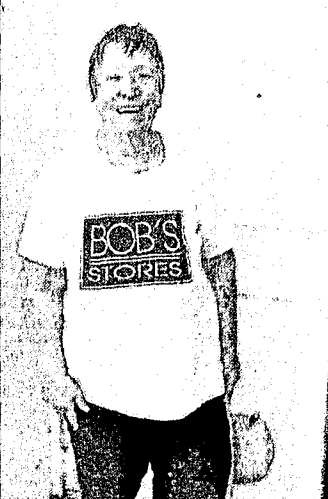
Ken Dixon disagreed. "I don't think we made a mistake," he said. "The kids are getting a lot better deal in Andover."

And, he said, when Andover was in SAD 44, "We felt we were at the mercy of Bethel."

Now, said Dixon, middle and high school students from Andover can go to any school in the region they want to, on a tuition basis. And even if Andover residents eventually vote to close AES, parents will still have a choice of where to tuition their K-5 kids, he said.

As for taxes, Dixon said compared to mill rates in some other towns in the region, "we're still the lowest."

Edith Palmer, sitting on her porch just up the street from AES, said her taxes climbed from \$380 to \$489. Recently retired, she lives on Social Security. She voted against withdrawal. "I think they



Pamela Percival, a seasonal resident of Andover, outside the Town Hall last Friday.
A. Aloisio

should have stayed in SAD 44," she said. "There are not enough kids to have at the school. I didn't approve of it." Pamela Percival, who spent her childhood in Andover and later taught school in Connecticut, is retired now and lives in Andover four months a year. She does not vote in the town. Her taxes rose from \$2,000 to \$2,500, she said.

"I'm not too happy, but I'm not surprised," she said. And as a former teacher, she said, "I think we should take care of education. I think if people lived somewhere else, they wouldn't think taxes were so high."

Roger Mills, owner of Mills Market, has heard plenty of opinions on taxes in his store. But he takes the long view.

"They gripe about their taxes," he said. "But they always do."

(Note: In October The Citizen will write about how AES and the new Andover School Department are adjusting to independence.)

Freshman

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schedule of the program, the school year is off to a good start for the 57 members of the freshman class, according to administrators at both Telstar and the 4-H Camp and Learning Center.

"From our perspective, this year's start of the program feels so much better simply because we are much more prepared, and we feel that students' learning will not have to be disrupted to transition to a new learning environment in the middle of the year," said THS Principal Cheryl Lang.

She said students are at the 4-H Camp on Monday through Friday from 8:15 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. They return to the Telstar campus for lunch and their last class period of the day.

"One of the classes on the Blue/White schedule is algebra or geometry, whichever students are prepared to take," Lang said.

On alternate days, a student's last class is an elective like band, chorus, or Spanish.

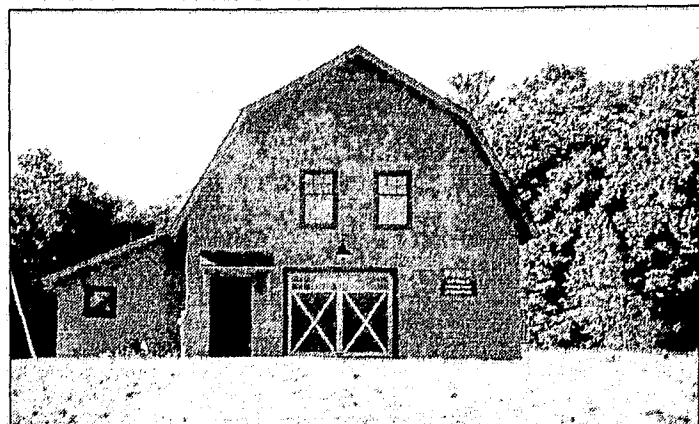
"We chose to have the students take their math class back at THS, in addition to any math that may be interwoven within the units of study at Bryant Pond, because that subject proved to be the most challenging to make sure we were meeting all of the necessary standards within the units of study," Lang said.

"There are many math concepts in experiential learning. However, they aren't always specific to one math area, such as algebra, geometry, calculus, etc. Therefore, we want to make sure we are fully preparing our students by also having them take a math class back at school."

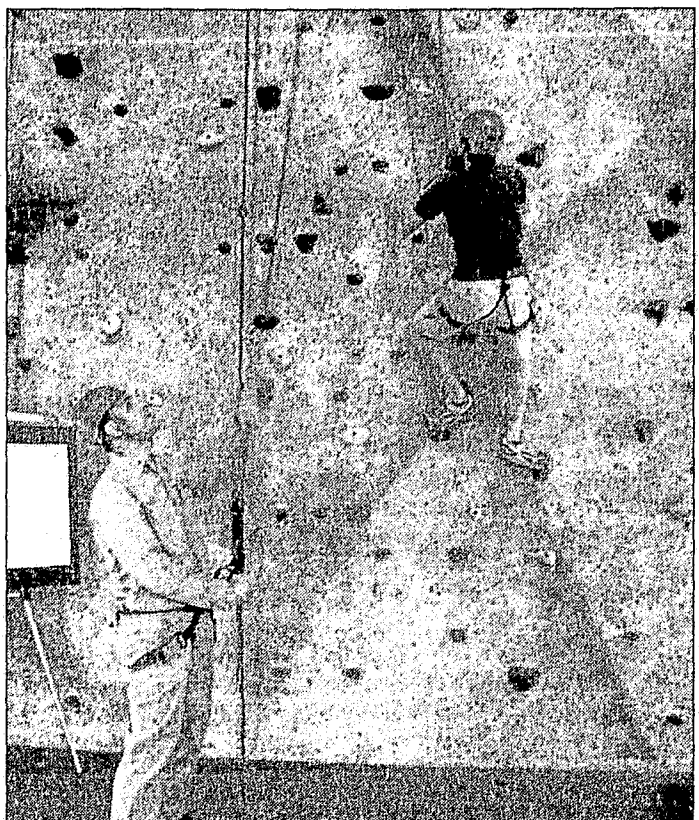
Another change this year is that two Telstar teachers, Doug Bennett and Kelly Dole, are based at the 4-H Camp every day, rather than having two teams of teachers there on alternate days.

They are joined by two 4-H staff members, educators Norm Greenberg and Tara Pocock, both of whom are former employees of SAD 44.

"Having two teachers at Bryant Pond, along with two [4-H] educators, provides



The Bolger Outdoor Center at the Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center.
A. Wight Chapman



Mark Szeliga, with assistance from 4-H Camp Director Ryder Scott, demonstrates the climbing wall in the new Bolger Outdoor Center, which is used by the Telstar Freshman Academy program.
A. Wight Chapman

consistency in planning, teaching, providing learning opportunities, and reflection on the learning to drive future instructional decisions," said Lang.

Integrated learning
"I couldn't be more happy with how the staff is working together," said Ryder Scott, director of the University of Maine's 4-H Camp and Learning Centers.

"Norm and Tara's role is to take a lesson and come up with experiential learning opportunities that really get the students engaged."

Scott said the focus is on integrating learning across all subject areas to help students meet the standards that have been developed for each academic discipline.

A unit on food systems, for example, could include content from social studies, math, science, ecology, economics, and other areas of study, with opportunities for students to demonstrate practical uses for the skills and theory they have learned.

The role of program director for the Telstar Freshman Academy, which was created when the program was first fully implemented during the spring semester, was eliminated this year, according to Superintendent David Murphy.

Of the position, Lang said, "It no longer seemed as necessary now that the program was fully implemented and self-sustaining. Melissa Prescott, who was our program director last year, said, 'If the program is able to run successfully this year without a program director, then I feel as though I did my job!'"

Prescott returned to her previous position as Telstar Middle School art teacher at the beginning of the school year.

Lang said she has received positive feedback about the program, even from students who were hesitant about it at first.

"One student, who openly admits she wasn't prepared to like it, absolutely loves it," she said. "She said that she is learning how to interact and collaborate with others whom she wouldn't otherwise be likely to work with."

Bingham

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he would talk to the property owners. Crockett noted Bennett had said he talked with landowners about continued timber access.

"It's going to benefit the same company you work with," Crockett told Bennett.

Crockett said that while it was not normally an absolute necessity to disclose the relationship, Selectman Peter Southam, who is the vice president of the Mahoosuc Pathways nonprofit that built trails on nearby Bethel Water District land this summer, abstained from voting on the road issue last week. That, said Crockett, created a "heightened standard" for avoiding the appearance of impropriety. "A financial relationship is substantially greater than on a volunteer board," said Crockett.

He said that while he thought Bennett's "heart was in the right place" in volunteering for the task, the disclosure should have taken place. I don't think he did it with malice, but he needs to remedy it."

Bennett acknowledged that he has worked with the company when working for landowners.

He also said his approach for discussing recreational access on the road would be, "I'm going to talk to people and get general feelings." He said that in listening to Crockett give his advice to go the legal route, "All I hear is ka-ching, ka-ching, ka-ching," he said. "All somebody is asking is that between now and March there be

some kind of conversation with people who haven't had any. The feeling out there is why do it if there's nothing left [of BFA money for recreational development]? - spending \$80,000 to \$100,000 on legal fees."

Crockett wondered if the best path might be for the town to hold another Town Meeting to see if residents still want to pursue the Bingham recreational/management plan, which they approved several years ago. Some Daisy Bryant Road residents have claimed that sentiment has turned against the project in the wake of the issues that have arisen.

The BFA board ultimately voted to recommend to selectmen to do a survey/tile search of the road easement. They had made the same recommendation at last week's selectmen's meeting, along with a recommendation to seek a declaratory judgment, but the board rejected both in favor of Bennett's proposal. The selectmen did agree then, however, to get an estimate for the survey, which they received and approved at this Monday's meeting.

Town Manager Christine Landes also said the town would advertise for a new BFA member, following the resignation last week of Chris Hayward, whose three-year term expires in 2017.

Notes from the Gilead selectmen's meeting

Sept. 9, 2015

The Board of Selectmen met at 6 p.m. at the Town Office on Sept. 9. Officers present were: The three Selectmen-Jeremy Morin, Steve McLain, Alfred Leighton; Town Clerk/Treasurer/Registrar of Voters, Linsley Chapman; Tax Collector/Admin. Asst., Judy Ferrille. Also present was Fire Chief Randall Grondin.

Treasurer Warrants were reviewed. August Wrap-Up Warrant 8A: Vote: Moved and seconded to accept. All three selectmen voted in favor. September Warrant 9: One item was removed. Vote: Moved and seconded to approve payment of the bills listed with the exception of one item that was to be removed (did not owe service charge). All three selectmen voted in favor.

Discussion Regarding: 2015 Real Estate Tax Abatement. Acreage was wrong on tax bill. Result: The selectmen decided to send the paper-

work to O'Donnell Associates for review, since they handle assessments.

Discussion Regarding: Tree Growth information for the State. Result: Paperwork would be forwarded to O'Donnell Associates for their records.

Discussion Regarding: Audit paperwork. Result: The Selectmen signed necessary paperwork to be sent to the Auditor (Hosington & Bean) to complete the audit process for the 2014 audit.

Discussion Regarding: Lawn Mower purchase. Result: Selectmen discussed the fact that the riding mower was too old and needed too much work to keep it going. Ideas were passed back and forth about what they thought would be the best mower to buy. Vote: Moved and seconded to buy a new riding lawn mower and authorize Selectman Alfred Leighton to do so with a budget not to exceed \$2,500. All three selectmen voted in fa-

vor.

Discussion Regarding: Quotes on finishing the roadwork on Wight's Hill. Result: Selectmen needed to see all the quotes to review them. It was decided that all sealed bids would be sent to the Town Office. The Road Commissioner would inform those, who were submitting bids, of this decision.

Discussion Regarding: Grant received by the Town of Gilead Fire Department. Result: Fire Chief Randall Grondin reported that the grant from The Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation in the amount of \$40,000 would be used for Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m. Vote: All three selectmen voted in favor.

(Linsley Chapman, Town Clerk, is writer of these notes from the meeting.)

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Briefly

Newry ponders veteran monument changes

NEWRY-Newry selectmen agreed Tuesday to consider a project to add veterans' names from more recent conflicts to a monument at the Town Office. Selectman Gary Wight suggested the idea. The current stone lists World War II veterans, but none more recent, according to town officials. There are only plaques generally recognizing Korea and Vietnam veterans, they said. The board said another stone might be a possibility if more space is needed. They decided to consult local groups who have done similar projects for advice.

Town News

Bethel

By Donald G. Bennett



Cider Pressing at Harvestfest

Maybe for as long as Harvestfest has been going, Stan Howe has been pressing cider for the public as part of the "harvest" activities. Stan told me that the apples come from the small orchard on the Historical Society grounds. The apple trees were planted there about 35 years ago; Sudie Vachon was the sparkplug for this project.

Jim Witherell, who was there as a guest author to sign copies of his books on Ed Muskie and L.L. Bean, seems to have been drafted into the cider pressing. Photos are of Witherell pressing and one of the BHS apple trees.

Harvestfest 2015

This was the 18th Annual Harvestfest but I didn't know that until the day after. There are four main photographic points on the Common. Saturday being a gorgeous day there was a big crowd and it was a very comfortable temperature.

View number one is the line of people waiting to get into the Chowdah tent. This year's line seemed longer than the previous year.

View number two is under what I call the "Baked Potato Tent" next to the bandstand. The menu line here seems to have grown over the years. Now there is a hamburger and hotdog grill to fill up the

customers. Still baked potatoes stuffed with calorie additions seem to be the main dish.

View three is the Chowdah line. Last year the Black Diamond Steakhouse won first place and this year Rick Savage was very busy looking, along with his servers, for a repeat award. Here the main attraction is the variety of customers—after watching a few minutes there was not a soul I recognized.

Finally, View four is the Judges' Table. This year two men were judging pies while I was watching. One taste, a second taste, ponder a minute then write down a number on the score sheet. When you have visited all four of these stations, Harvestfest 18 has been completed, that is of course if you have already sampled Stan Howe's cider and watched Steve Stone carving small bears out of a log with his chainsaw.

Ready to Compact

Wednesday, Sept. 23 is opening day. Zero-Sort recycling center at the Route 2 Recycling Station is up and ready to go. Sadie Morin will be the operator. On Saturday, she indicated to me that her main concern is maybe too much traffic coming in to leave their recycling material. She has handouts ready that list what can and what cannot be handled. The two compactors are in place and wired. The big green "shipping containers" will apparently be hooked up to a compactor and loaded (with a big shove!).

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The apple 'orchard' at the Bethel Historical Society.

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Lyme conference held at Telstar

BY AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

The Mountain Valley Lyme Disease Awareness Coalition held its fourth annual informational conference at Telstar High School on Sept. 12.

Most of the nearly 100 people in attendance had been affected by Lyme disease, battling it themselves or supporting a friend or family member suffering from the disease's chronic form.

Presenters and vendors at the conference provided information about Lyme disease prevention, pain management, and complementary approaches to treatment, including chiropractic and massage therapy, probiotics, and nutrition management.

Following a welcome by conference organizers Rhonda Buker and Diane Farnum, Rep. Deb Sanderson of Maine House District 88 addressed attendees.

Sanderson successfully sponsored a bill in the legislature that will allow Maine doctors to treat chronic Lyme disease with long-term antibiotic therapy without risking censure or license revocation from the Board of Licensure in Medicine. Much of the mainstream medical community does not recognize a diagnosis of chronic Lyme disease.

"I'm fortunate enough not to have Lyme disease—yet," Sanderson said, adding that the spread of the disease throughout Maine means that "every one of us in this state is apt to get it."

"None of us likes the idea of long-term antibiotic therapy, but right now there are few other options" for those suffering from chronic Lyme, she said.

Dr. Bea Szantyr of Lincoln, a member of the Maine CDC's Vector-borne Disease Workgroup, said that over the past decade, Maine has seen a steady rise in cases of Lyme disease, from 245 cases in 2005 to 1,399 cases in 2014.

Szantyr and other health professionals believe that as many as nine out of 10 cases of Lyme go unreported, meaning the actual rate of infection in Maine is probably closer to 14,000 cases annually.

Her "Tick Talk" covered the basics of tick identification, the history and microbiology of Lyme disease, and its prevention, symptoms, and treatment.

She discussed the value of long-term antibiotic treatment, as well as complementary and alternative treatments for chronic and late-stage Lyme disease like acupuncture, biofeedback, cog-

nitive remediation, diet, and exercise.

"For folks who have been sick a long time," she said, "I have never seen them recover without antibiotics, but I have never seen them recover with only antibiotics."

Speaking to conference-goers via satellite, pathologist Dr. Alan MacDonald, who conducts extensive Lyme disease research on a voluntary basis, discussed the latest research on *Borrelia burgdorferi*, the bacterial spirochete that is the predominant causative agent of Lyme disease.

In the afternoon, popular Maine actress and humorist Birdie Goggin provided some welcome comic relief with her program "Laughter is the Best Medicine."

Pediatric Lyme specialist Dr. Charles Ray Jones spoke about "Lyme Disease and Kids." Based in Connecticut, the epicenter of the first identified outbreak of the disease in the 1970s, Jones has treated more than 15,000 children and adolescents with Lyme and other tick-borne diseases.

Awards

Among the annual awards presented by the coalition was the Dr. Teresa Royer MacKnight Memorial Award. Buker and Farnum were joined for the presentation by former Maine House Representative Sheryl Briggs of Mexico, who in 2013 sponsored a bill to include information about alternative treatments for Lyme disease on the Maine CDC's website.

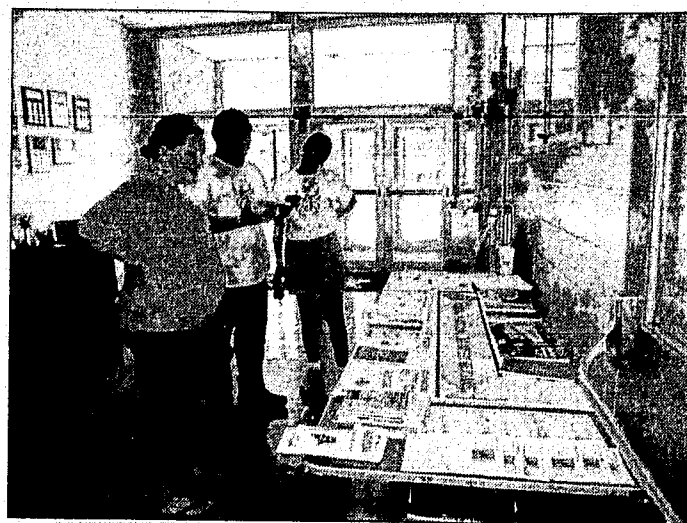
Dr. Szantyr received this year's award for "outstanding dedication to and support of the Lyme community of Maine."

MacKnight, for whom the award is named, was a founder of the International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society in 1999. She was a physician, lecturer, and author who resided in Andover and practiced medicine in Rumford until becoming disabled by neurologic Lyme disease. She died in 2010 at the age of 57 after 14 years of treatment.

A personal connection to Lyme The coalition's co-founders are all too familiar with the suffering experienced by those with Lyme disease, as well as with the difficulties they may face in both obtaining a diagnosis and receiving effective treatment.

Both Buker and Farnum became ill with the disease in 2000, but it took several years before either of them received an accurate diagnosis, they said.

From the outset, Farnum exhibited many of the most



Liesse Thibault of Medical Marijuana Caregivers of Maine shares information on the use of medical marijuana to treat symptoms of Lyme disease with attendees at the Lyme Disease Conference at Telstar High School. Thibault stressed that cannabis is not a cure, but can be helpful in the management of pain. A. Wight Chapman

common symptoms: intense joint pain, headaches, and debilitating fatigue. But because she did not remember being bitten by a tick and did not develop the classic bull's-eye rash, Lyme disease was never considered.

She was treated instead for chronic fatigue, fibromyalgia, atypical migraines, and Ménière's disease, an inner-ear disorder that causes episodes of vertigo.

After taking six months of short-term disability from her job in 2005, she became totally disabled. Shortly thereafter, a friend with Lyme disease connected her with a naturopath in Kennebunk, whom Farnum credits with saving her life.

Although her treatment has been largely successful, she has suffered several relapses and is currently in aggressive treatment for chronic Lyme and two of its co-infections.

In Buker's case, even though she did present with the bull's-eye rash that has become known as a primary indicator of a bite from a Lyme-infected tick, it was misdiagnosed as a spider bite by her primary care doctor, she said.

Over the next eight years, her health spiraled downward. She exhibited clinical symptoms of many illnesses, she said, including multiple sclerosis, Epstein-Barr virus, and benign intracranial hypertension, and was treated for all of them, with little improvement.

In 2008 Buker's vision began to deteriorate. Suspecting Lyme disease, and at the urging of Farnum, she traveled to Washington, DC to consult a Lyme disease specialist, Dr. Joseph Jemsek. He confirmed the diagnosis of Lyme and recommended intravenous antibiotics to treat it.

Because treatment of the

disease with the aggressive long-term use of antibiotics was outside of conventional medical protocol, it took Buker nearly six months to find a doctor in Maine who was willing to treat her according to the plan Jemsek recommended.

After 18 months of intravenous antibiotic treatment, her sight was restored and the other symptoms of the disease were under control, although she has since suffered a relapse and is currently continuing treatment for Lyme, as well as the co-infections Bartonella and Babesia.

According to the website lymedisease.org, more than half of those with a diagnosis of chronic Lyme also carry co-infections, the most prevalent of which are those caused by the Bartonella and Babesia bacteria. Co-infections complicate the treatment of Lyme by increasing the severity of symptoms and extending recovery time.

After attending the LYME 411 Conference in Laconia, N.H. several years ago, Buker and Farnum co-founded the Mountain Valley Lyme Disease Awareness Coalition and held their first local conference in 2012.

Buker said planning has already begun for next year's conference. She added that the group's Bethel area Lyme support group meetings have been on hiatus for the summer, but should resume next month.

"We hope to meet via Skype due to the nature of the illness, which prevents many people from getting out to meetings," she said.

For more information, search for "Mt Valley Lyme Disease Awareness Coalition" on Facebook, email mtvalleyldac@yahoo.com, or contact Buker at 824-3076 or Farnum at 357-1926.

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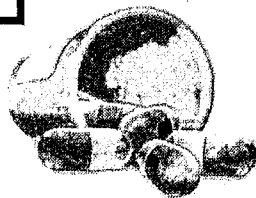
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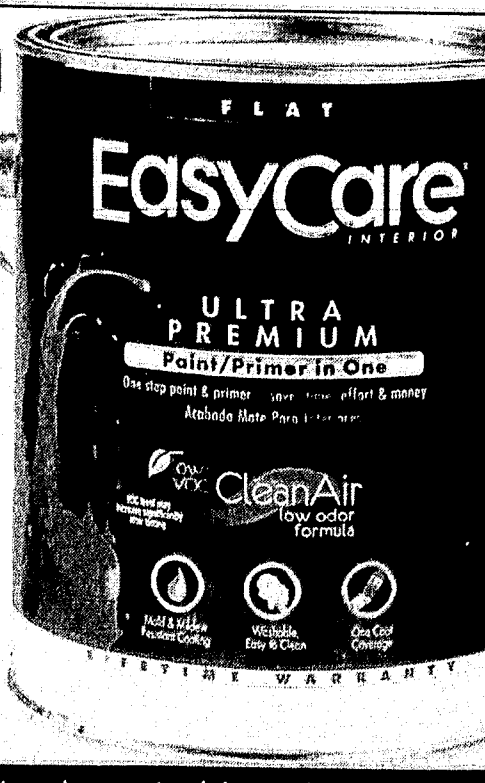
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The Way I See It

BY SHARON BOUCHARD

Sometimes I really do feel sorry for my husband. Henry's a good man, but there are days when I put the poor guy in a no win situation.

Last week I had a day when I was feeling a bit insecure, for whatever reason. This doesn't happen very often, but when it does I always turn to Henry to ease my troubled mind. Most of the time when I say things to him like, "I'm really beginning to look so old," and he'll tell me that he still sees me as beautiful and youthful. I don't even take into account that Henry is 14 years older than I am so naturally I do look youthful compared to him; I just feel better hearing him tell me I do.

But, last week I hit him with the ever popular question asked by insecure women everywhere, "If I should die would you get married again?" Now he could have told me that the fact of the matter is that he is officially elderly and confined to a wheelchair so the likelihood of his seeking another wife are not real good, but he chose the doomed response of, "I think I would want to."

After all the years we have been together one would think he would know better, but Henry has always been an hon-

est man even when it did not serve his best interest, such as a time like this.

"How could you even think about someone else taking MY place?" I asked with my voice a tad louder than normally.

"I couldn't possibly survive on my own considering that I can't walk and would need someone to care for me," he reasonably replied.

"If I should die would you get married again?"

"So that's all I am to you is your caregiver?" My voice might have been getting a little louder.

I knew I was being very unfair, but I just couldn't help myself at this point. "Well, I guess you would give this new wife of yours all my cookbooks and all my clothes and probably my one and only diamond ring," I accused him with my voice going up an octave or two.

All Henry had to do was say the he would never share my personal things with someone else and I

might have eased up and ended the whole stupid conversation, but the poor man went off the deep end of the pool.

"I would probably give your diamond ring to our daughter, which I'm sure you would want. The cookbooks are perfectly good so why shouldn't someone else make use of them? And I could end up with someone a lot slimmer than you, so your clothes wouldn't do her any good." He actually said this with a straight face.

"You're saying that I'm FAT!" I shouted.

"You're just pleasantly plump. Now leave me alone," He responded. Then Henry wisely turned on the television and proceeded to channel surf and didn't look in my direction again. If he had he would have seen that steam was coming out of my ears and my face was undoubtedly beet red.

That was one of the more stupid conversations that we've had that I initiated. I shouldn't be insecure in the first place and the way I see it I was definitely unfair. I will try to refrain from putting the poor man in such a situation again, but I do wonder if my face was disfigured from an accident if he would still think I'm beautiful. I guess I'll just have to ask him.

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Monday (the 14th's) Selectmen Meeting

Meeting lasted 2:20 hours and 1:20 hours was devoted to Daisy Bryant Road access. It ended with a decision for the selectmen to form a "White Flag" committee and confer with the residents as to what might be done. At this week's selectmen's meeting approval was given to do a road property survey. In 1908 Bethel's town meeting voted to discontinue the Daisy Bryant Road as a town road.

Having experienced nearly 50 years of peace and quiet at the Crosby's Red House in Sunday River then to be invaded by snowmobilers, skiers peering in our windows and 500 decibels of awful music coming from the White

Heat trail at night we felt that we could not live there anymore. So we appreciate the challenge faced by Daisy Bryant Road residents.

Bike Maine 2015

The Bike Maine encampment on Gould's athletic field Tuesday and Wednesday must have been a new experience for Bethel. Well over a hundred brightly colored tents sprang in time for the bikers' arrival Tuesday. Along with the tents there was a transportable washing up facility, two or three colonies of portable toilets and a large mobile shower trailer. There was a bike maintenance tent and a large support staff. Luggage was delivered and removed. 350 bikers from Maine, 35 other states and three or four



Sadie Morin at the Transfer Station.

D. Bennett

foreign countries rested for the day on Wednesday. The most amusing informational sign read "Breakfast and Lunch on Your Own". I don't believe they all walked up to the Bethel Inn for breakfast but I bet that Dunkin' Donuts and Crossroads Diner were swamped. Not surprisingly the Bike Maine website indicated that the 2015 ride's sign up cost was \$925 per person.

Smith Farm Bridge—right now the "Jim Sysko Bridge"

The bridge should be called the Birchmont Farm Bridge. It's earlier owners were Daniel Freeman Bean (1810-1893) then his son Alpheus S. Bean (1864-1899) then by A.S. Bean's wife, Lucinda, until a Chapman family member, Horatio Upton bought it in 1911, selling it to a Dr Robbins of New York City in 1916.

A. S. Bean was the dominant influence in West Bethel. By the mid 1890's, he was possibly the wealthiest man in Oxford County, owning 20,000 acres of timber land in the general West Bethel area. His business operations consisted of seven mills, four run by steam and three by water power. Five of these mills manufactured birch spool stock and two were saw mills. Besides timber for his own mills, in one winter he had cut four million feet of timber. Two million feet were shipped to Scotland and eight thousand cords of pulp wood was sent to the Rumford Falls paper mill. His influence had substance. Dr. Robbins recruited Edmund Smith who was in his senior year at Columbia University to come manage the farm. And so Edmund Smith later became owner of Birchmont Farm

OCSD Patrol Log

Tuesday, Sept. 15

At 3:44 p.m. Deputy Steve Witham responded to a report of a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of Sunday River Road and Route 26 in Bethel. No injuries were reported.

Wednesday, Sept. 16

At 7:02 a.m. Deputy Mike Halacy received a report of a person camping in the woods on the North Road in Bethel. It was found he had permission from the landowner.

At 7:48 a.m. Sgt. Tim Holland received a report of speeding vehicles on Mayville Road in Bethel. A high school student late for school was located.

At 8:30 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney received drug information from an anonymous source in Bethel.

At 11:15 a.m. Sgt. Tim Holland responded to Telstar High School where a student had been caught with a usable amount of marijuana in his locker.

At 12:28 p.m. a resident on the East Bethel Road in Bethel reported a burglary. Sgt. Tim Holland was assigned.

At 2:22 p.m. Deputy Steve Witham responded to a residence on the West Bethel Road in Bethel to locate a subject for the Rumford PD. The subject was located and no violation was found.

Thursday, Sept. 17

At 6:35 a.m. Deputy Dere MacDonald responded to the West Bethel Road for a report of an intoxicated person. No one was located.

At 7:56 a.m. Deputy Dere MacDonald investigated a traffic offense on the Intervale Road in Bethel. The operator was told to have better driving habits.

At 8:22 a.m. Deputy Dere MacDonald responded to Main Street in Bethel for a broken window that occurred over the morning/night.

At 11:51 a.m. officers investigated the theft of county property in Bethel. Nathan Bailey, 30, of Bethel was arrested. A search warrant was executed at a Bethel address and the stolen property was recovered.

At 3:43 p.m. Deputy Steve Witham spoke with the manager of a business in Bethel regarding suspicious activity. The incident is under investigation.

Friday, Sept. 18

At 8:15 p.m. deputies performed a traffic stop on Route 26 in Bethel where the male operator was arrested for an outstanding warrant as well as charged with possession of a usable amount of marijuana. The female passenger was also charged with possession of a usable amount of marijuana.

Saturday, Sept. 19

At 10:12 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney received a complaint of harassment in Bethel. Both subjects were advised not to communicate with each other. Neither wanted to press charges.

At 6:35 p.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco responded to Route 2 in Bethel at the request of a Gilead firefighter for a report of guns shots near the road and residence. It was found to be a gathering with fireworks being shot off.

OCSD Jail Log

Sept. 17, 1:45 p.m.: Nathan K. Bailey, 40 of Bethel, theft, failure to submit to arrest; by Deputy Dere MacDonald in Bethel.

Sept. 19, 7:48 a.m.: Christopher L. Dougherty, 34, of Albany, violation of bail conditions; by Deputy Dani Welch in Albany.

Local writer pens "The Time Marauder"

Chris Henry of Albany has written a self-published book entitled "The Time Marauder," now available at the Bethel Foodliner, Books 'N Things in Norway, and on Amazon and Kindle.

"My writing is inspired by two people," said Henry. "First, the great Alexandre Dumas, who wrote 'The Three Musketeers' and 'The Count of Monte Cristo,' some of my favorite books growing up. Second, the lesser known Louise Simonson, a prolific comic book writer known for her long runs on 'X-Factor' and 'Superman: The Man of Steel.' These two have always created strong, complex characters and that's what I wanted to do."

"The Time Marauder" is also inspired by my love for all things sci-fi. It takes place in the near future where the commercial and financial world has been taken over by one mega corporation that provides ever known resource the world needs to survive.

"A man who works for the New York branch of this corporation designs schematics for the world's first chance at a functioning time machine. Before he can present his designs to the board of directors, his work is stolen from him and he is exiled from the company. Several months later after the company has used his designs to make their own machine, he returns with a vengeance, takes his machine back, and leaps through time with an unknown agenda."

Henry was born in St. Louis, Mo. and raised in the small Dutch town of Pella, Iowa by an upper middle class family.



Chris Henry Submitted photo

"I knew from a young age that I was strange," said Henry. "I would rather watch 'Power Rangers' than football. I would rather listen to heavy metal instead of pop music. That never translated to many friends in high school. Throughout my schooling career, I was an average to above average student. I never really excelled unless I was genuinely interested in the subject I was studying."

"I graduated from Central College with a degree in sociology, something I couldn't even define when I got there. After working at a summer camp for three summers and getting great joy out of it, I decided to enter the ministry and moved to Holland, Mich."

"After continuing to move further east chasing what I thought was my dream, I met a girl online, hastily moved to Maine to live with her, and we have now been married for almost two years. It wasn't until I met Marissa that I discovered my true joy in life, which is writing."

and lived there with his family until his death in 1968. The Citizen's 1981 special edition profiled only three men connected with farming: Paul Thurston, Fred Edwards and Edmund Smith. Mr. Smith, however, stuck with farming and excelled at it. His profile noted that his farm consisted of 600 acres and specialized in Guernsey cattle. Later in 1937, Mr. Smith was on WCSH radio speaking about soil conservation programs as part of a state noon hour program. In 1944 Smith was named Maine's Outstanding Farmer noting among other achievements his Guernsey herd and apple orchard. In the later 1940's Edmund Smith and William "Bill" Chapman were 4-H Club leaders and on one occasion our club had a tour of part of the Smith Farm.

Bingham Forest Authority Minutes

There were three items in the Aug. 20 minutes that stood out.

(1) The Authority could not get a Planning Board sign permit to say that the mountain biking and hiking trails were closed because the Authority did not own the land at the entrance to the Daisy Bryant. Maybe the new "Community Committee" can fix that.

(2) Mahosuc Pathways reported that to date \$60,000 in funding had been secured approximately \$15,000 had been spent on trail work.

(3) Hunting on Bingham Forest land according to Maine hunting laws is permitted.

Our Man in

Rumford—Elmer Lovejoy

In 1896 Elmer Lovejoy became Superintendent of the Rangeley Lakes and Rumford Falls Railroad and moved to Rumford. He was born in Bethel in 1862 but his family moved to Aroostook County about 1876. He later returned to Bethel to attend Gould Academy after that he went to Boston to learn telegraphy. Lovejoy worked his way up the Maine Central R.R. career ladder becoming a station agent at Mechanic Falls for the Portland and Rumford Falls Railroad where he was later promoted to superintendent. At that point he came to Rumford. Old documents have identified the Lovejoy's home on Franklin Street in Rumford and it is still there.

Bethel

By Nancy Brown



The Dempsey Challenge is less than a month away on the weekend of Oct. 17 and 18. The challenge benefits the Patrick Dempsey Center for Cancer Hope and Healing in Lewiston. The event, which began as a cycling event, now includes numerous cycling events; a 5K and 10K run and walk, a two-day bicycle ride, a family-friendly festival, and dozens of other independent fundraising events. On Thursday, Oct. 1, from 5 to 8 p.m., 22 Broad Street Restaurant here in Bethel will host an independent fundraising event for the Dempsey Challenge. The Italian dinner will include one of three

dinner choices, wine, and a Gelato dessert from DiCo-coa's. You can make reservations by calling 22 Broad Street. If you can't come to the dinner, but want to make a donation to the local team raising money through the dinner, you can go to www.dempseychallenge.org and search for team Galena Biopharma/Lobstah Land/Sunday River.

Thousands of people attended Bethel's Harvestfest events last Saturday. The event confirmed again that Bethel knows how to put on a good festival, including the food, the booths, and the music. Many people commented on the beautiful weather. Last year people were buying sweaters and mittens because it was so cold; this year, the 80 degree temperature forced us to break out the sunscreen and sit under umbrellas and tents to avoid overheating. The festival ended with a two-hour performance by the Shadagee Ramblers, a popular local band that is rapidly winning a loyal following. At the end of the festival, emcee Jewel Clark, who also performed at the festival, suggested that Bethel host a street dance featuring the band. I second her suggestion. The town of Norway did this a few weeks ago and hundreds of people of all ages attended.

The Bethel Library is currently displaying watercolor artwork by Eugene Kelley of Bethel. The quilt on display is by Lucy Nordahl of Cross Country Quilters. It is brilliant blue with a golden-yellow starburst design. Artwork is on display in the front room during regular library hours.

Don't forget the 10th Annual Bethel Area CROP Hunger Walk and Picnic this Sunday, Sept. 27, at 11:30 a.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel. The picnic is at 11:30 and the walk starts at noon. Of the money raised, 75 percent will go to the hunger relief projects of Church World Service and 25 percent will go to the Bethel Area Food Pantry. It's not too late to sign up; call Jane Chandler for details at 357-3524. The pantry serves residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton, and Woodstock.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brown-nancy1950@gmail.com.

East Bethel

By Wally Ritz



Gosh, another week went by really fast and here I am again writing to you all. I think you all agree that there is too much hate in this world. A friend of mine in another State was posting about her daughter this weekend as a proud Mom and rightfully so. Her daughter won a scholarship to a college she wants to attend. My friend got mean messages about it and I think that is wrong! So please, do tell me for all to see and share the accomplishments of your child. Call me at 507-1008 or

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Let's give credit where credit is due and celebrate the kids for they are our future.

I have not been able to catch up with Sonny or Bettyann Hastings since hearing that they were going to spend Labor Day weekend at their camp. Now they are back, yet all I still have is pictures I saw on Facebook... please call.

Arlene is looking forward to her sister Charmaine coming for a visit again and we will get details next week. I hope you have marked your calendar. There will be a service at the East Bethel church on Sept. 27 at 2 p.m. Till next week.

West Bethel

By Karen Paul



Michelle and Mike Madore had a nice turn out for the 2nd Annual Free Senior Citizen dinner at Pleasant River Campground on Wednesday Sept. 16 with about 40 people attending. Florence Merrill won the gift bag of goodies. It was a beautiful day with lots of sun. Mary Gilbert helped us out.

Cathryn Lovejoy and Rebecca Ricker attended the above named dinner and reported that the roast pork meal was delicious.

Karen Paul and friend Gerard Theriault put kayaks in the Andro at Shelburne Bridge on Thursday and floated downriver 10 miles to Newt's Landing. The trip took 5 hours with a stop on a gravel island in Shelburne for lunch. It was 84 degrees with a pleasant breeze. The scenery along this route is unspoiled by man and offers many views of mountains and wildlife.

Elsie Aylward and Valerie Schrouder stopped in to Norway Rehab to visit Rodney Jordan on Friday and found him well.

On my way to Norway to visit Daddy, I stopped by the Local Hub Market and Café in Locke Mills for breakfast. Michelle Delulio made the most delicious omelet with goat cheese and spinach and all the veggies we could think of - 5 stars.

A mystery elf stopped by my home and left a bright orange pumpkin on the doorstep. Thank you! I love it.

I climbed Mt. Will Saturday with a friend from Berlin, N.H. It was hot and muggy on the ascent. We detoured to see the Gray Memorial

on the top of the mountain where State Trooper Leroy Gray Jr. and his wife Brenda (Mills) Gray were killed Sept. 25, 1992 when their Piper Cherokee crashed. Only Gray's daughter Karen who was 14 survived and climbed down the steep mountain-side to safety.

Please send me your news at paulkmarie@gmail.com or call 836-2266.

Andover

By Jane C. Rich



Bruce and Medea Harris are receiving congratulations on the birth of their daughter, Agatha Desiree born on Sept. 2 and weighing in at 9 pounds 1 ounce. Agatha joins brothers and sisters, Lilley, Graham, Emerson, Sarah and Ford.

There will be a public hearing at the Town Office next Tuesday at 6:45 p.m. preceding the regular Selectman's meeting to approve changes to appendix A, C and D of the General Assistance Ordinance.

The Andover Food Pantry invites the community to a variety show on Saturday, Sept. 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of the First Congregational Church. Anyone with a talent to share is invited to participate. All proceeds will benefit the Food Pantry.

Last Thursday Andover Elementary School held an open house that was very well attended, not only by parents of students, but by the general public. Thanks to Teaching Principal Karen Thurston and her staff for all their hard work on behalf of our students.

The Maine DOT closed the Merrill Bridge connecting Elm Street and the East Andover Road on Tuesday, Sept. 22 for a general bridge inspection. The Fire Department had a fire truck on the east side in case of an emergency.

Mark your calendars on Oct. 18 for the Andover Historical Society fall open house. At the Elm Street building you will be able to observe apple cider pressing courtesy of Jim Coolidge. Those interested in the "olden days" can fill that longing for times past by visiting the East Andover School House which is set up as a one-room school house would have been many years ago to serve the children of East Andover.

Another event for your calendars is Oct. 19 when

the Andover Service Circle will host their annual Senior Appreciation Dinner. This event will be held in the Town Hall with a social hour at 4:30 p.m. and the meal served at 5 p.m.

Dog owners who have not licensed their dogs yet for 2015 are reminded this is a legal requirement and can expect a letter or visit from the Animal Control Officer in order to get them to comply. Dog owners are also reminded there is a town ordinance regarding pet behavior which says it is unlawful for a dog to run at large. In the case someone is bitten by a dog, the Animal Control Officer will document the complaint and also obtain proof of rabies vaccination. The rules of our ordinance are there to protect all citizens.

Bryant Pond

By Alice Hoyt



Judith Grover tent 17 DUVCW met at the Grange Hall on Monday, Sept. 14 for a regular meeting. Susan Kettinger served as guide. Communications were from the Joshua Chamberlain Camp 69 inviting us to a potluck luncheon on Saturday, Sept. 19, to celebrate the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War 100th Anniversary. It was reported we needed to order two new flag markers for the new monuments. President Vicky said she, Elsie, Sally and Gail went to Guilford on Saturday, Sept. 12, to visit Sarah Elizabeth Palmer tent 23. They had a very nice day. Sister Gail, Past Dept. Treasurer, turned the books over to the new Dept. treasurer. Next meeting is Oct. 12 and we are to bring candy for the Veterans' Home to hand out on Halloween. Susan told about "Project Paperback" books to Veterans overseas. She will head up this project. Mystery package went to Susan. Calls reported were 31. Vicky read an article about a battle between the north and south on South Mountain where the Union lost 2,300 and the Confederates lost 2,700 on Sept. 14, 1862.

Larry Billings says he has a new welcome sign on his back door.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will go to Mechanic Falls to lunch on their Oct. 1 meeting.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service, Bloom for girls 13 to 18 and Foundations for guys 15 and up. Saturday, Oct. 3 at 7 a.m. is Men's Fellowship breakfast at the Fellowship hall.

The 5th Annual Parade of Lights and Woodstock Fire Department's 75th anniversary are Saturday, Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. Come join us to make this the biggest and best year yet. Parade lineup is on Lakeside Drive and goes to the Woodstock Fire Station. Lineup begins at 6 p.m. rain or shine. After the parade, come to the Woodstock Fire Station for free food, popcorn, fries, pizza, hot dogs, fried dough and baked goods. Door prizes will also be awarded. Sponsored by the Woodstock and Greenwood fire departments.

Franklin Grange will meet on Monday, Oct. 5.



AUCTION AND WEIGH-IN TONIGHT AT ROOSTER'S ROADHOUSE TO BENEFIT BARLOW HOME-Firefighter Ben Byam of the Rumford Fire Department will begin a 60-day weight loss challenge to help raise funds for the new Andy Barlow home in Hanover. Byam, a longtime friend of Barlow, will kick off the challenge with an official "weigh-in" at the Rooster's Roadhouse, tonight, Thursday, Sept. 24. Doors open at 6 pm and festivities will continue throughout the evening. Immediately following Byam's weigh-in and request for pledges, Rooster's owner Steve Etheridge will auction over 25 items and services donated by local area businesses and citizens of the community. One hundred percent of all auction proceeds and Byam's weight loss pledges will go toward funding windows for Barlow's new home. Some of the items include fly fishing lessons, 2 rounds of golf, stand up paddleboard lessons, a group yoga class, ski lift passes, snow tubing passes, original paintings, Adirondack chairs, a session with a personal fitness trainer and gym membership, vintage ski memorabilia, a diamond electric toothbrush, pet and veterinary services, and many gifts card, services, and products from Bethel businesses, stores, and professionals. Payments by check are preferred but credit or cash will also be accepted. Donations to the project are tax-deductible and payable to the project's fiscal agent, HelpHOPELive, a 501(c) (3) tax-exempt non-profit charitable organization. For more information or to make a contribution please visit www.TheAndyProject.com. For a complete list of auction items and donors, please see the Hanover town column in this edition of the Bethel Citizen. Shown above at the new Barlow home currently under construction are Mistress of Ceremony for the evening, Kate Carroll of Bethel; Andy Barlow of Hanover; Julien Byam and his father, Ben Byam of Rumford Point. For more information please contact Maria Holloway at HanoverMENews@gmail.com. M. Holloway

Gilead

By Lin Chapman



There has been very little change in fall leaf colors since last week. There are people who have commented on the fact that they were expecting more colors by now.

My brother, Steve McLain, was at the house last Saturday. He had been to the transfer station and took a ride down the road to the fire hydrant by the Androscoggin River. He got a nice picture of someone doing some fishing in their boat in the middle of the river.

Lise McLain attended the Bethel Senior Club picnic last week. It was hosted by the Pleasant River Campground in West Bethel.

Hugh and I met Bob and Judy Bishop for lunch last Thursday. They were staying at the Bethel Inn Fairway Condos while they were in Bethel this past week. We decided to meet at the Millbrook Tavern for lunch and then stopped by their condo for a short visit.

Peter and Claudia Risbara were in town at their Gilead House last week. Peter returned for the weekend to do some more work on adding a few more 'comforts of home'.

Town Office

I had to attend training in Waterville last week because I am the Town Clerk and Registrar for the Town of Gilead. On Tuesday, Voter Registration training for the Registrar covered determining voter eligibility; managing and printing voting lists, records and reports; certifying petitions and other related registration requirements. On Wednesday, the training involved State Elections Title 21-A for the Town Clerks. This session covered such things as preparing for Election Day; posting no-

tices; absentee voting; lay-out of the voting place; procedure for closing the polls and tabulating results and other Election Day responsibilities of the Clerk. Both the Registrar and Clerk have to be familiar with the State of Maine Central Voter Registration (CVR) system and how to enter voters.

In other words, there is a lot of work that goes into running an election, even in a small town such as Gilead. There is paperwork and reports before Election Day and just as much afterwards to file with the State. Joan Kimball, who is the Registrar/Clerk for Albany, had to attend also, so I had a chance to ride with her. Thanks, Joanie.

Gilead Historical Society Last Saturday, Hugh and I, along with Mary Tyler, sat out on the corner and had the GHS buildings open. Not too many people stopped by to visit, but we had a few locals. Nikki Petillo and her daughter, Bella, stopped for a bottle of water and Peter Risbara stopped for a few minutes, too. He was taking a break from working on the house. While we were setting there, Mary noticed a Monarch Butterfly passing between the railroad station and schoolhouse. I believe there were a few milkweed plants along the edge of the woods in the back of the GHS lot. I think that this is about the second Monarch that we have seen this year.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Hanover

By Maria Holloway



Ben Byam Weigh-in and Live Auction A second fundraiser for the new Andy Barlow home is about to get underway tonight, Sept. 24, at the Roost-

er's Roadhouse, Mayville Road, Route 2 East in Bethel. Festivities start at 6 p.m. Firefighter Ben Byam of Rumford Point will begin a 60-day weight loss challenge and will be accepting pledges for the cause. Following "the last supper" and Ben's official weigh-in will be a live auction of services and items from local business and citizens of the community. Rooster's owner Steve Etheridge will donate his services as auctioneer. Kate Carroll of Bethel will emcee the event. The goal is \$5,000 and 100 percent of all donations received will benefit the project. (See this issue of the Bethel Citizen for a photo of Andy and friends at the construction site in Hanover.)

The following is a complete list of auction items and donors thus far. Items may be previewed at the Rooster's beginning at 6 p.m. and the live auction will begin shortly thereafter. Food and drinks will be available for purchase throughout the evening.

Two sessions with personal fitness trainer, Jeannine Carrier, 24-7 Fitness, Bethel. Value \$125.

Diamond electric toothbrush, Dr. John Mason. Value \$215.

Three-hour fly fishing lesson for two from JoAnn Hicks, Reg. Maine Guide. Value \$225.

Quartz Candlestick from Sunday River Gems.

NABOS gift cards. Value \$40.

Pair of lift passes, Mt. Abram Ski Area. Value \$110.

Four tubing passes, Mt. Abram Ski Area. Value \$60.

Two rounds of golf at The Bethel Inn Resort. Value \$100.

Fishing net with accessories from Angela Cushman. Value \$80.

Handmade T-shirt pillows by Anita Clark, with Maine Adaptive Sports logo.

Antique wooden skis with spring load bindings donated.

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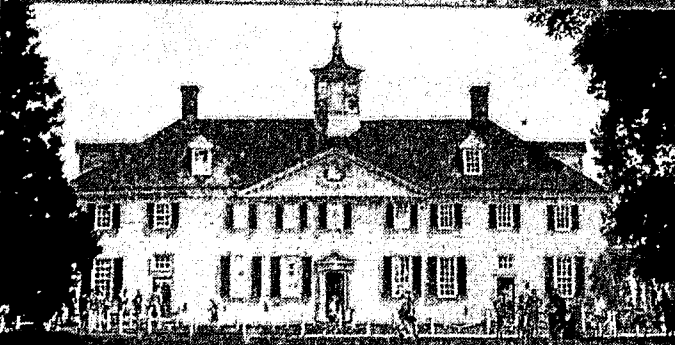
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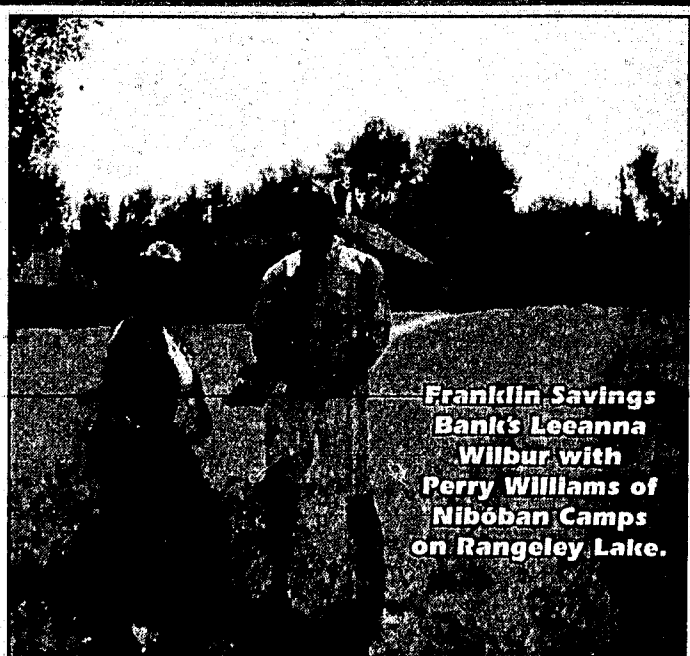


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RUG HOOKING AT BHS-As part of Saturday's Harvestfest event in Bethel, the Bethel Historical Society offered a rug hooking demonstration at the Moses Mason House. Here, Cathy Newell chats with Iris Roberts of Newry. In the foreground left is Eileen Marshall and in the background, Lois Ruff.

A. Aloisio



APPLE PIE CONTEST WINNER-Four-year-old Will Hadfield was the winner of the Amateur Traditional Pie category at Saturday's pie-baking contest at the annual Harvestfest in Bethel. He picked the apples the day before and put the pie together with his mother's help. Here, he, other winners were: Professional category - Beverly Sylvester of the Sudbury Inn; and Amateur Non Traditional Pie - Sheila Reardon.

Submitted photo

ed by Anita Clark. Priceless. Firecracker Art Paintings by Artist and Sculptor Otok Ben-Hvar (four paintings). Priceless.

Three-hour stand up paddleboard lesson donated by Julie Waterman. Value \$70.

Dog grooming, \$25 Gift Card donated by Janice of At Home Pet Salon.

Jades Salon, two \$35 gift cards.

Group Yoga on the Bethel Common, donated by Amy Halsted. Value \$150.

\$50 Gift Card, Western Maine Supply donated by Kathy Hanley.

Handmade Footstool donated by Kathy Hanley. Value \$50.

Two \$50 gift cards for Pet Services at Tucker's Dog House, Walkers Mills Road, donated by owner Erin Hanley.

\$25 gift card donated by NAPA Auto Parts.

Vintage White Heat Sunday River Trail Sign (replica) donated by Leigh Breidenbach. Value \$50.

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Forest Service to waive fees on National Public Lands Day

In recognition of National Public Lands Day the Forest Service is waiving standard amenity fees at hundreds of recreation sites nationwide. The White Mountain National Forest is pleased to participate in the celebration, waiving all day use fees on Saturday, Sept. 26.

Day use fees will be waived across the White Mountain National Forest, however fees will remain in effect for overnight camping, cabin rentals, permits, reservations, and activities offered by concessionaires.

National Public Lands Day began in 1994 with three sites and 700 volunteers. It proved to be a huge success and became a yearly tradition, typically held on the last Saturday in September.

Seven federal agencies as well as nonprofit organizations and state, regional and local governments participate in the annual day of caring for public lands.

The mission of the Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The agency manages 193 million acres of public land, provides assistance to state and private landowners, and maintains the largest forestry research organization in the world. Forest Service lands contribute more than \$13 billion to the economy each year through visitor spending alone. Those same lands provide 20 percent of the nation's clean water supply, a value estimated at \$27 billion per year.

For more information about the White Mountain National Forest: www.fs.usda.gov/whitemountain.

first killing frost on Sept. 15, and by this date I had had to cover my tomato plants several times.

The delay in frost means that this year when the first frost is predicted, I'll probably just be able to pick all the rest of the tomatoes and bring them onto the porch to finish ripening. That sounds a lot better than dealing with digging out a couple dozen sheets and drop cloths, draping them over the tomato patch, and then taking them off in the morning and spreading them out to dry.

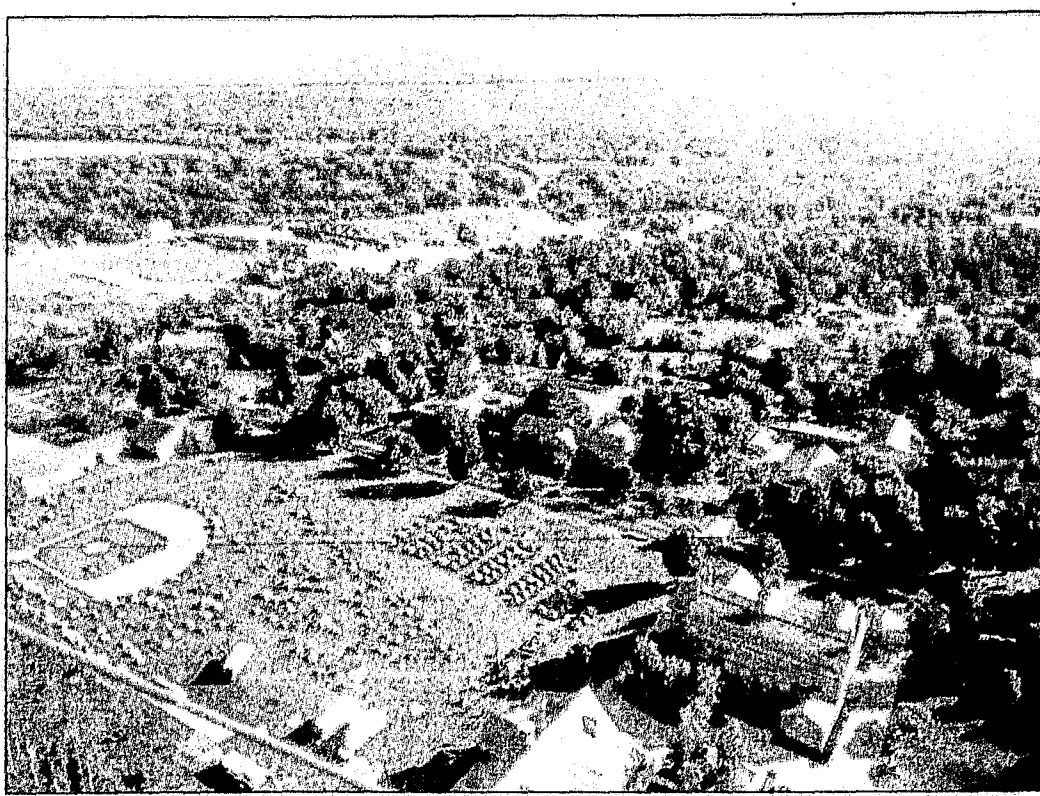
Tomato season is salsa-making season in our house. I made a big batch on Sunday and canned 21 pints. I'm never sure how hot it's going to turn out, since there's a lot of variation in the heat of jalapeno peppers. We like it very hot, so I usually throw in a couple of very finely diced habanero peppers to kick it up a notch, and this batch came out hot enough even for Will.

Although we haven't had a frost, it does look like the 80-degree temperatures are over. We haven't given up on spending a few more sunny afternoons at camp, but after a couple of chilly nights, we've happily settled back in at home.

I'm continuing my big fall cleaning project and hoping to take a couple more truckloads to the transfer station later this week.

The trouble with having plenty of extra space is that we've never felt pressured to get rid of things. We always figured we could store everything in the barn, basement, or attic in case we needed it someday. As a result, we have storage spaces that are jammed with unused clutter. If we needed something, we probably wouldn't be able to find it anyway, so we're clearing out all the junk. Someday our kids are going to really appreciate this.

I attended the dedication of the Bolger Outdoor Center at the 4-H Camp in Bryant Pond last Friday. The building is a timber frame barn with classroom space and an indoor climbing wall, and is used for many educational programs, including the Telstar Freshman Academy. I had last seen it when



VIEW FROM THE SKY-Randy Autrey of Bethel got this photo from his powered parachute last week of bicyclists camped on the athletic field at Gould Academy, as part of the BikeMaine 2015 tour.

only the timber frame, built by Chris Barstow and crew at Specialty Timberworks, here in Greenwood, had been erected. Many other talented local contractors contributed to its completion, and the result is beautiful.

The weekly poetry group at the West Paris Library started up again last week following a summer hiatus. Led by Rodney Abbott, it meets from 6 to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, except for the second week of the month, when the Friends of the Library use the meeting space. It's informal and fun, and has introduced me to many poets I wouldn't have otherwise read.

E-mail your news to amy.w.chapman@gmail.com, leave a message at 875-5511, or contact me on Facebook.

South Woodstock

By Lolalee Dillingham

Clear skies and lots of sun here today, more like fall weather, not hot and humid like we have

been getting.

Lolalee and Paula with their friend, Alan Rich of Livermore, enjoyed playing at the Oxford County Fair

at the Antique tractor museum last week. Alan was a hit with his banjo picking on some of the bluegrass songs.

It was a great sunny and warm evening and lots of great compliments on our performance.

Condolences to all who have recently lost loved ones. Our prayers to each one.

Many Public Harvest suppers will be coming up soon, I so enjoy all the harvest suppers as it gives me a chance to see the many I know that I do not get to see or chat with on a daily basis.

I am still enjoying the morning visits of 20 turkeys that come every day for a quick breakfast before heading out in the back forty to spend the rest of their day.

I will be having my garage sale this weekend... furniture, wine cabinet, M&M candy collection, phones, winter jackets, assorted clothing, lighthouse collection, stands, and other assorted items. Rain or Shine.

It was good to see the oil prices drop to \$1.79.9 a gallon. This helps a lot for those of us who need to fill or top our tanks off for the winter. Now for the K-1 prices to drop down, want to get our barrel filled so we can keep the summer room

warm throughout the colder months.

I am busy with making Christmas gifts, loving the time I get to crochet, knit and working on my plastic canvas projects.

Well, dear readers that's all from the valley this week. Stay well and do enjoy each day.

Upton

By Joe Bernier



The Upton Historical Society held their final meeting of 2015 Sunday. Seven members attended.

The members chose local travel methods of yesteryear as the tentative theme for Upton Fun Day parade of 2016. The methods will likely include the Steamer Diamond of Umbagog Lake and the Aligator of Pond in the River. The methods could also include shanks mare, stage, buckboards and spring wagons. You have plenty of time to conceive and build a float for the parade.

The Letter B Notch Riders had a club ride and cook-out Saturday. They, too, held their last meeting of 2015 Sunday. The members discussed some trail and

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bridge work they will try to complete before winter arrives.

I finally dug my potatoes. Now I need to get my wood put in the woodshed so I can be ready to start snow-dancing soon. My thermometer read 36 degrees Monday morning. I believe winter is heading this way.

The Upton Planning Board will meet Friday Sept. 25. They will have a workshop starting at 6:30 and will begin looking at any submitted building applications at 7.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Waterford

By Rockie Graham



The weather is finally seasonal. It is chilly because we are not accustomed to it.

Frost tomorrow. I think it is time to bring my basil and other frost sensitive plants inside. Time, also, to harvest frost sensitive plants. There are few left as I had a very poor harvest this year. But I have been very lucky in that people have given me all kinds of garden fresh veggies. Thanks one and all.

Telstar Rebels Youth and High School Football Home Games

- Sept. 19 – High School game at 1:30 p.m.
- Sept. 23 – Grade 7/8 game at 4:30 p.m.
- Sept. 26 – High School game at 1:30 p.m.
- Sept. 27 – Grade 3/4 game at 9:30 a.m. and Grade 5/6 game at 11 a.m.
- Oct. 1 – Grade 7/8 game at 4 p.m.
- Oct. 3 – Grade 3/4 game at 9:30 a.m. and Grade 5/6 game at 11 a.m.
- Oct. 17 – High School game at 1:30 p.m. and Grade 7/8 game at 3:30 p.m.
- Oct. 18 – Grade 3/4 game at 11 a.m. and Grade 5/6 game at 12:30 p.m.
- Oct. 24 – High School game at 1:30 p.m.

School Lunch Menu

SAD 44 School Lunches, Sept. 24-30
Elementary Schools

Thursday: Chop suey, dinner roll, fruit and salad bar or sun butter and jelly.

Friday: Chicken patty, sweet potato fries, fruit and salad bar or sun butter and fluff.

Monday: Chicken and cheese quesadilla, seasoned rice, fruit and salad bar or sun butter and jelly.

Tuesday: Grilled cheese, soup, fruit and salad bar or sun butter and jelly.

Wednesday: Italian dunkers and dipping sauce, fruit and salad bar or sun butter and jelly.

Telstar

Thursday: Chop suey with rotini, dinner roll, green beans, cinnamon applesauce.

Friday: Chicken patty on a wholegrain bun, sweet potato fries, mandarin oranges, trail mix.

Monday: Chicken and cheese quesadilla, seasoned rice, corn, cinnamon applesauce.

Tuesday: Grilled cheese sandwich and soup or Quick Pick (soft pretzel, yogurt and cheese stick), carrot sticks and cuke slices, red and green grapes.

Wednesday: Italian Dunkers, Caesar Salad, diced pears.

**Every meal includes salad bar.*

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Next year I hope to have, if we are still here, a raised garden. That will keep me in the loop and able to plant, again. That will be good.

My computer is highlighting odd statements. Not sure why. It also is printing everything in red. Guess it has a mind of its own. In any case, we shall see.

Last week, to celebrate David's birthday, former neighbor Gloria Dobson cooked a great supper of garden fresh veggies with homemade vegetable noodles and a pineapple upside down cake. YUM. David was pleased.

Sunday, Sept. 27 is the Full Harvest Moon. That should be a bright one shining through the trees. I just wish it wasn't getting dark so early now. The other day I chanced it and drove home after a meeting and couldn't find my road. I knew it was there, but not quite where to turn. It will only get worse. So if you are headed to town in the evening and want a rider, think of me. I try to do everything in the day, but sometimes I want/need to be in town in the evening.

October is upon us. I am ready except for the aforementioned dark. Having lived with night blindness for years, I am used to it, but that doesn't mean I like it. It just is what it is.

I must wish all a belated Happy New Year, and Yom Kippur. Also Sukkoth, a harvest festival is fast upon us. Happy to all.

Sept. 26 and 27 is the Great Maine Outdoor Weekend. Mahoosuc Land Trust will participate. It is a statewide festival. They invite all to play out doors this weekend. Participants can meet at the land trust office on Saturday, Sept. 26 next to Crossroads Diner at 10 a.m. There will be hikes, a paddle around Soong Pond or a guided tour of a solar array at Mt. Abram. For more info and details please go to: Mahoosuc.org

Friday, Oct. 9, there will be a free book talk with author and poet Richard Hoffman at 7:30 p.m. at Gould Academy. His book and Blanco's books will be for sale. Reception will take place at the Ideas Center at Gould.

Saturday, Oct. 10, there will be the Annual Yard Sale at the Albany Town House in Albany starting at 9 a.m. Those wishing to donate items may do so by calling Buzzie at 824-2568.

Saturday, Oct. 10 at Waterford Library there will be a sing-along at 5 p.m. to the Sound of Music. This is a fundraiser and will start with brats, sauerkraut and a bier garden. The movie on the lawn starts at 5:30 p.m. There will be a costume contest at intermission. Wear your lederhosen. There will also be a raffle and prizes. FMI call the library at 583-2050.

That is all for this week. Stay warm and get the plants under cover as frost is a coming.

Sports



Telstar senior Reggie Westleigh tees off on the first hole at the Bethel Inn & Country Club in last week's match against Carrabec.



Sophomore Russell Cushman. A. Aloisio



High School Varsity Field Hockey

Oak Hill 2, Telstar 1; Sept. 16 - Great fast paced game, all scoring in second half. Becca Howard hit net on a corner from Octavia Morin. Blair Stevens was outstanding in the cage with 21 saves. - Coach Gail Wight

Mtn. Valley 4, Telstar 2; Sept. 21 - Becca Howard scored twice one in each half with assists going to Olivia York and Natasha Hart. Blair Stevens made 7 saves in cage. Savannah Vermette broke up numerous fast breaks. - Coach Gail Wight

High School JV Field Hockey

St. Dom's 3, Telstar 1; Sept. 7 - The defense was led by Crystal Chapman, Kelsey Hurlbert, and Blair Stevens as goalkeeper. Octavia Morin scored the lone goal for the Rebels. - Coach Davis

Winthrop 10, Telstar 0; Sept. 9 - The team played hard and Blair Stevens made eleven saves in goal. Winthrop was fast and moved the ball well down the field. A great effort on defense came from Victoria Crockett-Harrington, Mariah Millett, and Tiffany Waterhouse. - Coach Davis

Dirigo 5, Telstar 0; Sept. 11 - Cassidy Smith, Alexis Sing, Emalee Harrington, and Mariah Millett worked hard to get the ball down the field. Kaiya Corriveau made her debut as goalie, turning away six shots. - Coach Davis

Telstar vs. Lisbon; Sept. 14 - The THS JV Field Hockey team played their best game of the season against Lisbon. At halftime, they were down 2-0, but had fought hard to work the ball down the field. There were a few very close attempts for a goal with strong offensive efforts coming from Cassidy Smith, Alexis Sing, Emalee Harrington, and Crystal Chapman. Victoria Crockett-Harrington, Kelsey Hurlbert, and Mariah Millett had many defensive clears throughout the game, and Kaiya Corriveau made twelve saves in goal. - Coach Davis

Mt. Valley 6, Telstar 0; Sept. 21 (Homecoming Game) - Most of the goals were scored in the first half. In the second half, the Rebels fought harder and played stronger defense. Emalee Harrington and Cassidy Smith worked hard to get the ball down the field, and helped get four shots on goal. On defense, Crystal Chapman, Kelsey Hurlbert, and Mariah Millett led the team with clears and great communication. Kaiya Corriveau is still building her skills as a goalkeeper but turned away eight shots on goal, five of those in the second half.

High School Golf

Telstar 5 ½, Carrabec 1 ½; Sept. 16 - The Telstar golf team defeated Carrabec at the Bethel Inn. Russell Cushman shot a 44, Reggie Westleigh (48) and Hunter Williamson (50) all won their matches to lead the Rebels. Freshman Toby Walker tied his match to earn the 1/2 point. Team totals were Telstar 206 and Carrabec 241. Russell Cushman was the medalist with his 44. The team is now 2-1 on the season. - Coach Lunney

Oak Hill 6, Telstar 1; Sept. 18 - Freshman Colby Marriott won his match 2 up for the Rebels' only point. Russell Cushman played well (42) and Reggie Westleigh (47) but both lost in close matches. Telstar's team total was 209 to Oak Hill's 185. The Rebels are 2-2 on the season. - Coach Lunney

St. Dom's 7, Telstar 0; Sept. 21 - Russell Cushman (46) lost a close match as the Rebels were swept by the visiting Saints. Team totals were St. Dom's 172 and Telstar 220. The Rebels are now 2-3 on the season. - Coach Lunney

High School Soccer

Telstar 3, Mt. Abram 2; Sept. 16 - The Rebel soccer team improved their record to 3-2 by defeating a strong team from Mt. Abram. The Rebels scored at the 6 minute mark when Avry Griffin fed a pass to Zach Stone who pounded the ball in for a goal. The Rebels and Roadrunners would continue to battle back and forth until, with 3:27 left on the clock, Kattee Killam fed the ball to Tristen Lilly for the score. In the second half it was the Rebel defense led by Willis Stevens that would prevail. Tanner Wheeler was solid in goal recording 8 saves. "I know we won, but like I explained to the team, we are better than this and we have to be if we want to compete with the likes of St. Dom's." - Coach Eliot

Middle School Girls' Soccer

Telstar 3, St. Dom's 3; Sept. 15 - A hard fought and exciting game that was led by outstanding play from Calla Orino. Bella Devivo sparked the rebel offense in the first half, scoring from an assist by Calla Orino. After two unanswered goals from St. Doms, Aneah Bartlett scored unassisted to tie the game up before halftime. Down 3-2 in the second half, Aneah Bartlett scored unassisted for her second goal of the game to tie it up before the final whistle. Ava Mastrolanni had five saves. - Coach Connolly

Middle School Boys' Soccer

St. Dom's 5, Telstar 3; Sept. 15 - After a sluggish and scoreless first half from the Rebels, the boys dominated the second half with goals from Myles Barrett, Ben Godomsky, and Finn McLaughlin. Mario Devivo made several spectacular saves in goal for Telstar with 8 total. - Coach Connolly

Middle School Cross Country

Telstar vs. Dirigo and St. Dom's; Sept. 18 - For the girls, Isabel Chase came in 1st with a time of 15:55. Sophie Hanscom was 6th with a time of 24:52. Emma Evans came in 7th right behind her with a time of 24:54. Chaia Alford had a strong race and finished 8th with a time of 25:36. Ella Tilsley finished in 12th with a time of 30:54. For the boys, Dillon Smith was 7th with a time of 18:02. Logan Mason finished 10th with a time of 19:10. Utah Bean was close behind in 11th place with a time of 19:21 and Wyatt Thielbar was 12th with a time of 19:44. Bryce Carr did a great job finishing his first race ever with a time of 29:42. - Coach Southam

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Enrichment opportunities for the children in SAD #44

From the Director

Welcome back to school! There has been some unexpected changes at MKA this fall with some positions open at the start of school. We are doing all we can to add staffing to all of our sites. Kayla LeVeille has moved from the THS site to CPS. Kayla worked in our Summer Adventure Program and we look forward to having her at CPS this year. Lorie White has stepped up and will welcome THS students to her Middle school site until we have a new person at THS.

Many thanks to the Bryant Pond 4-H Camp for sending staff to CPS to help us do programming this first month of school.

Many exciting programs have started including our First LEGO Team under the supervision of coaches Marie Keane and Kate Slattery. New this fall is a LEGO club that introduces students to the LEGO competition program. Other programs include Karate at both elementary schools from Maine Kyushin Karate and a Garden Club at WES.

CPS students were fortunate to be able to travel to Bryant Pond this week to try out the new climbing wall. The climbing wall was made possible by the collaborations of SAD#44, SAD#17, Bryant Pond, and MKA. What a wonderful opportunity for the kids. We have some really good climbers here at CPS! We are looking forward to sending the other MKA sites to try it out soon.

MKA really enjoyed the Harvest Festival and working with Hancock Lumber decorating pumpkins. Enjoy the Fall!

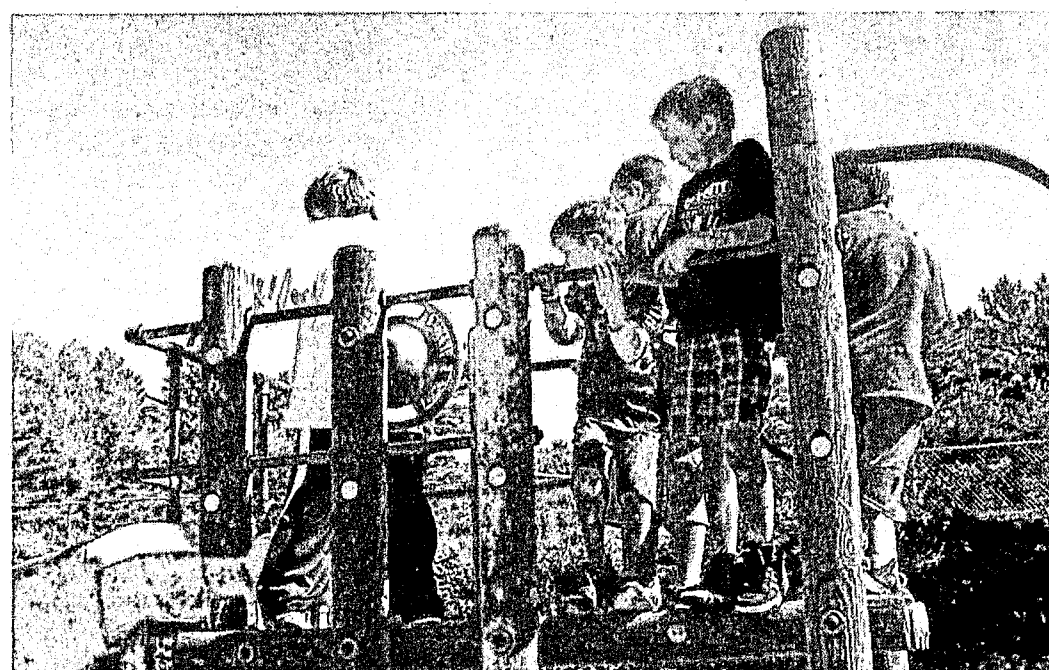
Julie Hart,
MKA Director



Dancing to the Cha Cha Slide!



Brenna Wilson has fun on the playground during recess.



Playing ball tag while soaking up some sun.



Gearing up for the rock wall at Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center!



Odessa meeting Shadow for the first time. I think they became fast friends.



Charlotte and Parker taking on the most challenging part of the wall.



Tanner Hart puts the finishing touches on his painting.



Kyler Bryant and Grace Scott with their masterpieces.



Kaitlynn staying cool on these hot days at MS MKA.



Maylyn Hastings prepares her canvas for our display in the 4-H building at this year's Fryeburg Fair.

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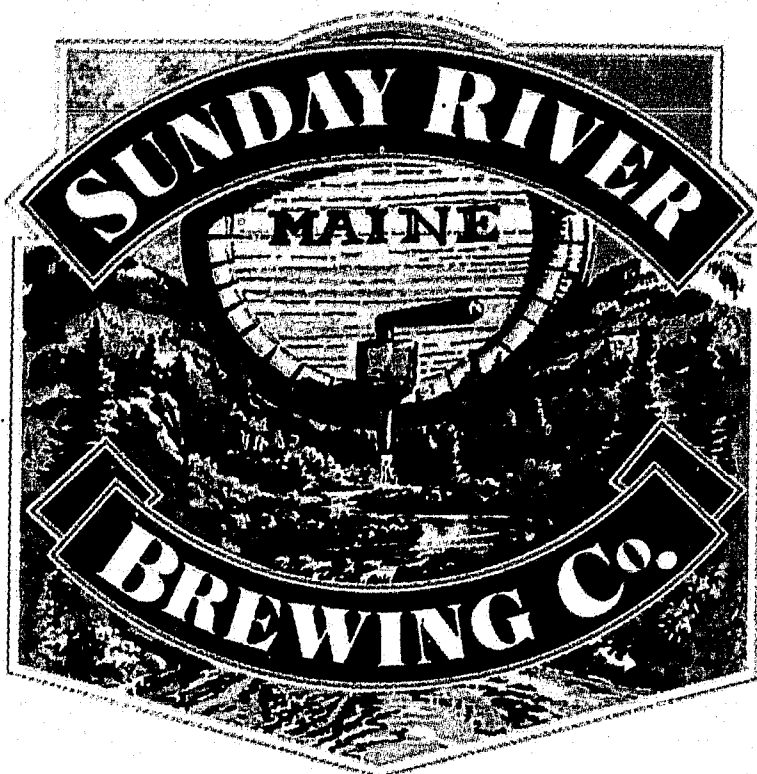
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Some of our favorite Things

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| STEAK & EGGS | YOGURT & FRUIT BREAKFAST 8 | BAGEL & LOX 12 | EGGS BENNIE |
| • You have a choice of steak served with eggs, home fries and toast. Country Fried Steak \$10 or 8 oz. Hanger Steak \$12 | • Fresh fruit served with yogurt, granola and a muffin top. | • Cold Smoked Salmon served with a toasted bagel, cream cheese, big slices of tomato, red onion and capers. | • Two poached eggs served over an english muffin smothered in hollandaise and your choice of topping. Served with home fries. Spinach & Tomato 7 |
| SAUSAGE BISCUIT DUO 9 | THE BASICS 7 | QUICHE OF THE DAY 9 | Sausage 9, Ham 9, Smoked Salmon 12, Lobster 14 |
| • We fill one biscuit with our homemade sausage gravy and the other with a sausage scramble topped with our butter cheese sauce. Served with home fries. | • 2 eggs, your choice of: ham, bacon or sausage. Served with home fries and toast. | • Your very own personal size quiche served with a small green salad. | GOOD OLE S.O.S. 8 |
| | | | • S.O.S. made with creamed, chipped beef over a fluffy biscuit, topped with 2 eggs. |

★ OMELETS ★

All omelets served with toast and home fries

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| MEXICALI 9 | SAVAGE HASH 11 | GRECIAN 10 | MEAT LOVERS 12 |
| • Stuffed with jalapenos, onions, bell peppers and tomato and cheese served with salsa and sour cream. | • Our corned beef hash and choice of cheese. | • Spinach, feta, kalamata olives and tomatos. | • We got it all in this one. Bacon, sausage, ham and cheese. |

★ B.Y.O. OMELET ★

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| BASIC THREE EGG OMELET 5 | VEGETABLES ADD .50 EACH | MEAT ADD 1.50 EACH | CHEESE ADD .75 EACH |
| | • Veggies: spinach, peppers, onions, tomatoes, olives, jalapenos, broccoli, mushrooms | • Bacon, ham, sausage, pulled pork, hash | • American, cheddar, swiss, feta and blue |

★ SANDWICHES ★

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| COUNTRY FRIED STEAK AND EGG 7 | PORK & EGG 5 | VEG & EGG 5 | HASH & EGG 6 |
| • Country fried steak topped with country gravy and an egg. | • BBQ pulled pork topped with an egg and cheddar cheese. | • Spinach, tomato, egg, and Swiss cheese. | • Savage corned beef hash served with an egg and cheese. |
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| | | | • Your choice of bacon, ham, or sausage with egg and cheese. |

★ SOMETHING EXTRA ★

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| FRESH BAKED DANISH 2 | PANCAKES 4 | SAVAGE HASH 4 | HOME FRIES 3 |
| FRENCH TOAST 5 | • Your choice: chocolate chip, blueberry, sweet potato, add \$1 or original buttermilk. | BACON, SAUSAGE, OR HAM 3 | TOAST 2 |
| • Made with crispy French baguette. | | FRESH FRUIT 4 | • White, wheat, rye, bagel, or an English muffin. |
| | MUFFIN TOP 3 | | |

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Exchange; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours - No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Bethel Area Food Pantry; serving the residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon to 8 p.m. Anyone in need of food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street, Bethel, by the side entrance on Park Street. Donations for the Bethel Food Pantry should be left on the porch at 57 Elm Street. Contact Dave Bean at beand@gouldacademy.org or 824-0369 with any questions.

Thursday, Sept. 24

Stroke Management Seminar; 1 to 2:30 p.m., West Paris Library. A long-distance learning seminar presented by SeniorsPlus on the signs, symptoms, management and prevention of stroke with physical therapist Amanda Carroll. Free with pre-registration - call 1-800-427-1241.

CPR Recertification; 6 to 9 p.m., Bethel Family Health Center with instructor Jeannine Thornton. Includes: adult, child, & infant CPR and obstructed airway. You must bring your current certificate. 2 year certificate. Limit 6. \$40 per person. FMI/Sign-up: <http://sad44.maineadulted.org/> or call 824-2136 ext. 1340.

Friday, Sept. 25

AWANA Club Begins; 3:30 to 5 p.m., Pleasant Valley Bible Church, Flat Road, West Bethel. Children can take the bus from school. Ages 3 years through 8th grade. FMI: 824-2037.

Sept. 26 and 27

Great Maine Outdoor Weekend; The Mahoosuc Land Trust will again participate in the Great Maine Outdoor Weekend, a statewide event that invites folks to "come play outside," Sept. 26 and 27. Three events will be offered on Saturday, Sept. 26. All participants are asked to meet at the Mahoosuc Land Trust Office on Mayville Road (next to Crossroads Diner) at 10 a.m. that morning. From there you can choose one of three activities of varying physical impact: (1) a hike of moderate difficulty to Buck's Ledge in Woodstock; (2) a paddle around Songo Pond in Albany featuring a Land Trust conservation easement; or (3) a guided visit to the solar array at Mt. Abram. Following the hike, paddle and tour is a BBQ at the Land Trust Office. Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be provided; please bring a picnic dish to share. A final weekend event will be a full-moon sunset walk along the wind tower ridge in Roxbury on Sunday, Sept. 27. More info available at mahoosuc.org.

Saturday, Sept. 26

3rd Annual Errol Heritage Day and Professional Lumberjack Competition; Lumberjack pancake breakfast 6:30 to 9 a.m. at Errol Fire Station, Lumberjack Competition 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Errol School ballfield, Vendors, BBQ Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., kids' games, silent auction, 50/50 raffle and more. Spaghetti supper 4 to 6 p.m. at Errol Fire station. Free Parking behind Bear Country Powersports. FMI: Deb Freedman (603-482-3884).

Maine Old Cemetery Assn. Meeting; Woodstock Historical Society. Registration: 8:30 to 9:15. \$3 per person. During the morning there will be exhibits and displays. Members of the Woodstock Historical Society will give brief presentations on a variety of town related subjects. The afternoon will include tours of Lakeside Cemetery with speeches by two "notable citizens." The Universalist Church and the Woodstock Historical Society Museum will also be open at 1 p.m.

MLT Arts Celebration Display; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mahoosuc Land Trust Office. The Mahoosuc Land Trust is looking for those special photographs, original art works or written works that express the natural beauty of "Your Backyard, the Mahoosuc Region." Each of the categories has three age groups, Under 12, 13-18 and 19 and older. For entry information, please visit mahoosuc.org.

Public Supper; 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., VFW Post 9787, 58 Lower Main Street, South Paris. Casseroles, etc. Adults/\$8, kids 12 and under/\$4.

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Old-fashioned dance music. Adults/\$5.

Sunday, Sept. 27

10th Annual Bethel Area CROP Walk and Picnic; 11:30 a.m., West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Seventy-five percent of funds raised support the work of Church World Service with 25 percent supporting the Bethel Food Pantry. FMI/Sponsor Forms: Jane Chandler (357-3524).

East Bethel Church Service; 2 p.m., East Bethel Church. There will be refreshments following the service.

Monday, Sept. 28

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

SeniorsPlus; 1 to 4 p.m., Fryeburg Town Office. Representatives will be on hand to answer any questions or concerns you may have about services and resources for older adults and adults with disabilities and their families. Free and open to the public. FMI/Appointments: 1-800-427-1241.

Tuesday, Sept. 29

Rock Hounding in Maine; 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., McLaughlin Auditorium, Gould Academy, Bethel. Jim Mann presents a program on what the aspiring rock hound might find in Maine and why it is here. If you have a mystery or "pet rock" that you would like to know more about, bring it with you to show Jim. FMI: Amy Chapman (amy.w.chapman@gmail.com) or Ellen Marshal (ellensmarshal@gmail.com or 824-2643).

Sept. 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28 and Nov. 4

Quilting - Wave of Triangles; 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Telstar High School, Adult Education learning lab. \$25 plus materials. This class will teach you how to make triangles into two colored squares. Donna will show you how easy it is to change the placement of triangles to achieve different looks. Let your imagination design your piece, just by the turn of a square. You will learn tips on choosing colors that work well together. This may be considered a basic class but it will give you the confidence to feel like an advanced quilter. The finished pattern for the class will be a flag. Red, white, beige and blue fabric will be needed. Fabric can have patterns of any kind as long as the color is one of the four men-

tioned. A supply list will be furnished at the first class. A sewing machine is required; however, there will be a couple to share.

Wednesday, Sept. 30

Community Supper (No Charge); 4:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walker's Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). Call 207-824-2289 for more information.

Substitute Teacher Training; 6 to 8:30 p.m., Telstar High School, Room 133. This one night workshop is designed to help you understand what is needed to be a successful substitute teacher in the M.S.A.D. #44 school district. Substitute teaching is a great part-time job, but helps to know a few things before you start. We will cover administration details, resources, classroom management techniques, and other issues. Both current and aspiring substitute teachers are welcome.

Oct. 1 and 8

CPR Certification; 6 to 9 p.m., Bethel Family Health Center with instructor Jeannine Thornton. Adult, child, & infant CPR, and obstructed airway. 2 year certification. Limit 6. \$50 per person. FMI/Sign-up: <http://sad44.maineadulted.org/> or call 824-2136 ext. 1340.

Friday, Oct. 2

Teacher's Lounge Mafia Improv Comedy Show; doors open at 6:30, show starts at 7 p.m., Mountain Valley High School, Rumford. There will be raffles and a door prize. \$5/advance, \$7/door. Proceeds to benefit Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services. FMI: 743-9777.

Oct. 3, 17 and 24

Archery 101; 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Telstar High School Gymnasium. Join Kayla Leveille for three Saturdays in October for this introductory archery course. You will learn all about eye dominance, proper bow handling, proper stance and aiming. Closed toed shoes required. Minimum 5 students and maximum 15. We will meet out back of Telstar at the gym. Tuition: \$45.

Sunday, Oct. 4

Blessing of the Animals; 1 to 3 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, South Paris. FMI: www.christchurchnorway.me.

Wednesday, Oct. 7

Bethel Senior Citizens Foliage Trip; 8:30 a.m., Bethel Health Center. The bus will travel through Upton, Errol and the 13-mile woods before stopping at Northland Dairy Bar for dinner and proceeding back to Bethel.

Oct. 9, 10 and 11

Fall Festival; Sunday River. This fall weekend of parties, competitions, and activities, including the 2nd Annual New England Cornhole Championship and 16th annual North American Wife Carrying Championship, welcomes the cooler weather and ushers in another winter season. In addition, the Fall Festival weekend is loaded with family-friendly activities, free outdoor concerts, free horse-drawn wagon rides, pony rides, face painting, chainsaw sculpting demonstrations, and plenty of carnival-style games. FMI: Sundayriver.com.

Friday, Oct. 9

Public Book Talk with Richard Hoffman; 7:30 p.m., Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium. Richard Blanco will introduce Richard Hoffman and Longfellow Books from Portland Maine will be here selling some of Hoffman's and Blanco's books for the book signing which takes place at the post event reception in the IDEAS Center. FMI: 824-7762 or gouldacademy.org.

Saturday, Oct. 10

West Paris Library's Used Book Sale; 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., West Paris Historical Society. Used books, DVDs, and puzzles for sale as well as raffles, coffee and muffins.

Blessing of the Animals; 1 p.m., on the front lawn of the Bethel United Methodist Church, 79 Main St., Bethel. All animals, great and small, are welcome. Live animals must be on leashes or in cages. Also welcome are stuffed toy animals or a picture of your pet if they are more comfortable staying at home. The pastor will bless all animals, including donated toy animals, which will be given to local groups for Christmas gifts. Refreshments after the blessing for both animals and their humans.

Sound of Music Sing Along; Waterford Library. This spectacular library fundraiser will start with brats, sauerkraut and a biergarten at 5 p.m. The movie on the lawn starts at 5:30 and moviegoers are encouraged to sing right along with the movie. Get out the lederhosen or dress as your favorite character because at intermission there will be a costume contest, a Julie Andrews lookalike contest, raffles, prizes and more.

Tuesday, Oct. 13

SAD 44 School Board Meeting; 6:30 p.m., Woodstock Elementary School.

Wednesday, Oct. 14

Bethel Senior Citizens Meeting; Harvest Dinner. \$10. Reservations must be made before Oct. 1 by calling Arlene Lowell at 824-2877.

Age-Friendly Community Project Community Gathering; 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church. Besides providing an opportunity for discussion, the Age-Friendly Community Project planning team will introduce a survey, to be distributed throughout the Bethel community to residents 50 and over.

Oct. 15 and 22

CPR and CPR Recertification for Healthcare Professionals; Bethel Family Health Center with instructor Jeannine Thornton. Includes: adult, child, & infant CPR, and obstructed airway. 2 year certification. For CPR Re-Certification, just attend Oct. 15. Limit 6. \$50 per person. FMI/Sign-up: <http://sad44.maineadulted.org/> or call 824-2136 ext. 1340.

Thursday, Oct. 15

Age-Friendly Community Project Community Gathering; 1:30 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church. Besides providing an opportunity for discussion, the Age-Friendly Community Project planning team will introduce a survey, to be distributed throughout the Bethel community to residents 50 and over. This gathering is a repeat for those unable to attend on Wednesday, Oct. 14.

Oct. 16 and 25

Hunter Safety Firearms Class; 6 to 9 p.m. Oct. 16 and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 25. Study includes proper operation and use of equipment, maps and compass; first aid and survival laws; and land-owner relations and ethics. Participants must be 10 years old or older; those 10-12 years old must be accompanied by an adult. This is a Home Study course. Materials will be handed out and explained at the other class. Student must attend all classes. Limit 25. To sign up go to: <http://sad44.maineadulted.org/> or call 824-2136 ext. 1340.

Friday, Oct. 17

West Paris Library's Buck-a-Bag Used Book Sale; 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Raffle winners from the Oct. 10 book sale will be drawn. FMI: 824-2004.

Saturday, Oct. 18

Pumpkin Run; 10 a.m., Agnes Gray School, 170 Main Street, West Paris. The Pumpkin Run is an all-ages 1-Mile Fun Run and Walk which starts at 10 a.m. and a 5K Road Race Run and fitness walk. The 5K race, walk starts immediately following the Fun Run. You may register online at www.back40timing.com, in person at Agnes Gray School, 170 Main Street, West Paris or mail a registration form to the school. Checks may be made payable to Agnes Gray PTO. Onsite registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at Agnes Gray school the day of the race.

Thursday, Oct. 22

Healthy Habits for a Healthier You; 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Emerging evidence suggests there are steps you can take to help keep your brain healthier as you age, which might also reduce the risk of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. FMI: Rosabelle Tift (rmift@megalink.net or 824-2053).

Tuesday, Oct. 27

From a Village in the Congo; 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., McLaughlin Auditorium, Gould Academy. Linda Orsi Robinson, Doctors Without Borders in the Democratic Republic of the Congo hopes her book will "help raise awareness of how our actions impact the global stage." FMI: Amy Chapman (amy.w.chapman@gmail.com) or Ellen Marshal (ellensmarshal@gmail.com or 824-2643).

Wednesday, Oct. 28

Brown Bag Lunch; 12:15 to 1:30 p.m., Bethel Inn Library. "A Global Perspective," Linda Robinson. How can we improve our sensitivity toward cultures vastly different from our own? What responsible actions might be suggested? Linda's Down Home Maine presentation the previous evening will be a valuable introduction, but it is not necessary to attend both. FMI/Reservations: Nancy Davis (nancydavis.bethel@gmail.com or 381-1110).

Oct. 30 and 31

Wilderness First Aid Course; Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge. Instructor: Jon Tierney of Wilderness Medical Associates. FMI: 824-2073.

Oct. 30, 31 and Nov. 1

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Saturday, Oct. 31

Craft Fair; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Rumford Elementary School, Lincoln Avenue, Rumford. A variety of crafts will be on sale and the ABC Café will be serving lunch. This is the 22nd annual Craft Fair that is sponsored by the RES Parent/Teacher Organization. This event is open to the public.

Monday, Nov. 9

SAD 44 School Board Meeting; 6:30 p.m., Crescent Park Elementary School.

Tuesday, Nov. 10

Look Good, Feel Better; 6 to 8 p.m., Stephens Memorial Hospital, 181 Main Street, Norway. What is the latest weapon available in the fight against cancer? For women participating in the Look Good, Feel Better program, the weapon of choice is a makeup brush. The program offers support for women experiencing appearance-related side effects of cancer treatment. During each free session - facilitated by licensed cosmetologists who volunteer their time - attendees receive instruction on makeup application and skin care, as well as suggestions for wearing wigs, scarves and other items. All attendees receive a complimentary makeup kit, and participants are never asked to buy anything. Pre-registration required. FMI: PattiAnn Douglas (744-6173).

Nov. 20 and 21

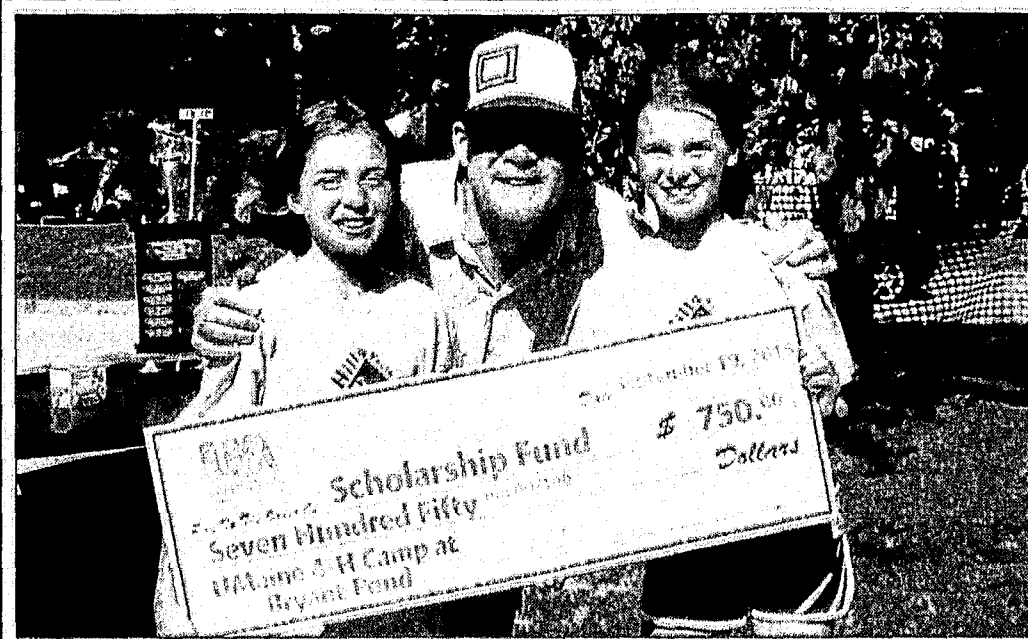
Senior College Players; 7 p.m., McLaughlin Auditorium, Gould Academy. See a different side of your friends and neighbors as they perform in this popular annual event.

Sunday, Nov. 29

Music of December - A Concert Class; 3 to 4:30 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. A variety of religious and popular songs of the season will be discussed and performed by an ensemble of local and imported musicians, including a chorus, soloists and instrumentalists.

Monday, Dec. 14

SAD 44 School Board Meeting; 6:30 p.m., Telstar Library.



4-H CAMP RECEIVES CHECK-Brad Jerome, organizer of the 2015 Upper Andro 2-Fly Trout fishing competition, along with Celia Melanson and Riley Jerome, presented a check for \$750 to the Bryant Pond 4-H Camp, beneficiary of the fly fishing contest. Twenty-four fishermen and oarsmen from Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts competed in this year's competition, headquartered at The Bethel Inn Resort on Sept. 19. Submitted photo

Author and Poet Richard Hoffman to Speak at Gould Academy Friday, Oct. 9

Gould Academy will kick off a third year of its Richard Blanco Visiting Writers and Retreat Program – a partnership between the school and local award-winning inaugural poet Richard Blanco – and welcome in the program's first visiting writer of the year, author and poet Richard Hoffman on Friday, October 9 at 7:30 p.m. in Gould's Bingham Auditorium.

Blanco will welcome the program's first visiting writer of the season with a short introduction. Both Blanco and Hoffman will be available for questions at the book signing and event reception in the nearby IDEAS Center following Hoffman's talk.

Richard Hoffman is author of the Half the House:

A Memoir, and the poetry collections, Without Paradise, Gold Star Road, winner of the 2006 Barrow Street Press Poetry Prize and the 2008 Sheila Motton Award from the New England Poetry Club, and Emblem.

While taking part in the Richard Blanco Visiting Writers Program and Retreat, Hoffman will work with English Department students and faculty, and present to the greater community during a free reading.

Rather than viewing writing as a celebrated art from the past, the Richard Blanco Visiting Writers Program and Retreat aims to engage students with contemporary writers, helping to create new generations of readers, writers and appreci-

ators of poetry. Visiting writers are also provided with a two-week stay in Blanco's Bethel, Maine cottage.

Last December, Blanco himself read to the Gould community from his newest book and memoir, The Prince of los Cocuyos. His visit and performance were later followed by award-winning slam poet Rachel McKibbens, who came to Gould in March. Gould Academy and Blanco also hosted longest National Book Award nominee and poet Spencer Reece during the program's first year.

Through public readings and events like Blanco's, Hoffman's, McKibbens', and Reece's, the Richard Blanco Visiting Writers Program and Retreat aims to connect the large

community and region with great contemporary writers. Hoffman's public talk takes place in Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium on Friday, October 9 at 7:30 p.m. A reception will follow. For more information on the Richard Blanco Visiting Writers Program and Retreat, visit gouldacademy.org.

About

Richard Hoffman
Richard Hoffman is author of the Half the House: A Memoir, and the poetry collections, Without Paradise, Gold Star Road, winner of the 2006 Barrow Street Press Poetry Prize and the 2008 Sheila Motton Award from the New England Poetry Club, and Emblem. A fiction writer as well, his Interference & Other Stories was published in 2009. His new

memoir, Love & Fury, is just out from Beacon Press. He is Senior Writer in Residence at Emerson College.

About

Richard Blanco
Richard Blanco is the fifth inaugural poet in U.S. history—the youngest, first Latino, immigrant, and gay person to serve in such a role. Born in Madrid to Cuban exiled parents and raised in Miami, the negotiation of cultural identity and place characterize his body of work. He is the author of the memoirs The Prince of Los Cocuyos: A Miami Childhood and For All of Us, One Today: An Inaugural Poet's Journey the poetry chapbooks Matters of the Sea, One Today, and Boston Strong the poetry collec-

tions Looking for the Gulf Motel, Directions to the Beach of the Dead, and City of a Hundred Fires and a children's book of his inaugural poem, "One Today," illustrated by Day Pilkey. Blanco shares his time between Bethel, Maine and Boston, Massachusetts.

About

Gould Academy
Gould Academy is a small, coed, independent boarding school, located at the eastern edge of the White Mountains in Bethel, whose mission is to prepare academically motivated students for college and help them to become independent minded, ethical citizens who will lead lives of purpose, action, excellence, and compassion in a dynamic world. More at gouldacademy.org.

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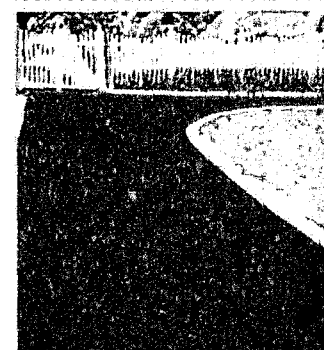
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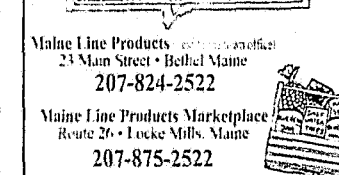


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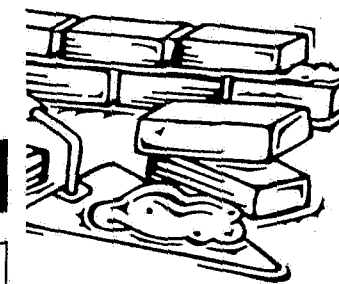
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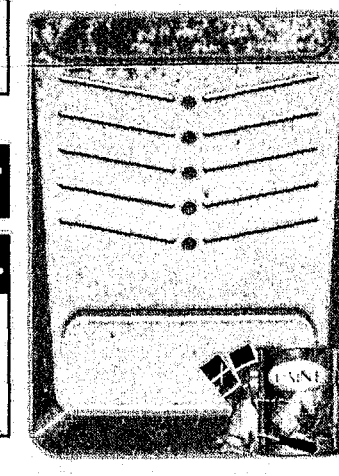
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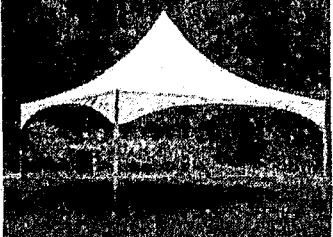
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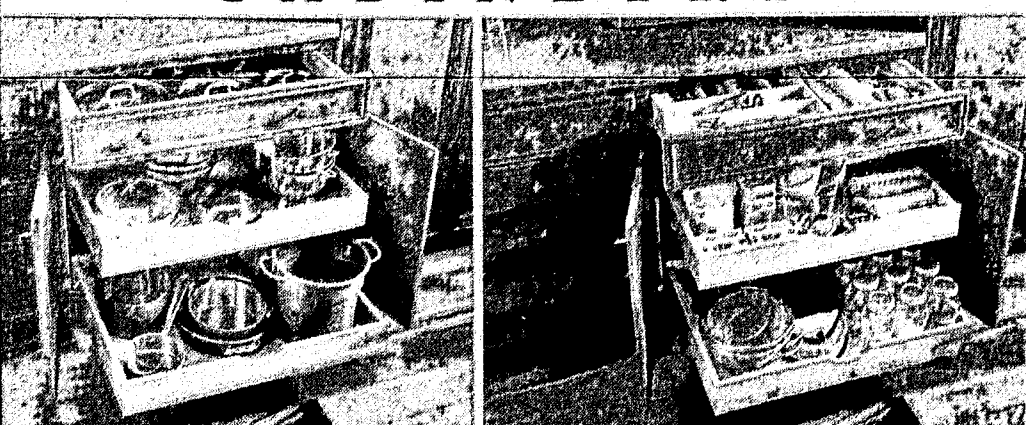
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By virtue of the Condominium Declaration and By-Laws of the Fairway and Millbrook Townhouses Condominium, Bethel, ME, the Timeshare Ownership Agreement entered into between the Bethel Inn Corporation and the below listed Time-Share Owner(s), and Title 33 M.R.S.A., Section 594 establishing a lien for failure to pay assessments on the Time-Share Estate(s) sold by the Time-Share Owner(s) listed below, the Time-Share Estate(s) will be sold at Public Auction commencing at 11:00 am on October 14, 2015 at the Sales Office of the Fairway/Millbrook Townhouses Condominium at 21 Broad Street, Bethel, ME.

Owner Name/Address	Unit/Week	Deed Book/Page
Arni Auto Quincy, MA	506/8	3660/225
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Debra & Darrell Benner Newellville, ME	506/14	4271/137
Thomas Lussier & Sharon Pollard Methuen, MA	508/32	2608/293
John Numan & Rhonda Barker Yarmouth, ME	556/41	3711/145
Richard & Sandra Strand Hampstead, NH	500/31	4707/234
Diane Tajima Londonderry, NH	504/43	4076/291
Kurt & Debra Cameron Nashua, NH	612/41	4336/151
Michael Corrigan Westwood, MA	621/11	4253/57
Christopher & Elaine Danks Saco, ME	617/14	4170/49
Larry Dearborn & Margaret Fitzgerald Anchorage, AK	610/40	3521/317
Robert Delfino Yaphank, NY	609/8	3357/124
William & Deborah Dietzel Foxboro, MA	623/52	4755/231
Jesse & Amanda Eaton Ipswich, MA	614/20	4401/151
Howard Edelstein & Gail Allbee Weymouth, MA	618/617/619/49	4462/54
Christopher Gates Steep Falls, ME	632/15	4862/334
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EACH TIME SHARE OWNER IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO PETITION THE SUPERIOR COURT OR DISTRICT COURT FOR OXFORD COUNTY, WITH SERVICE ON THE BETHEL INN CORPORATION, AND UPON SUCH BOND AS THE COURT MAY REQUIRE, TO ENJOIN THE SCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE.

The Time-Share Estate(s) shall be sold in one or more lots, as announced at the sale, subject to:

- (i) Covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, declarations, rights, easements, liens for future assessments, options, and limitations on title set forth in or referred to herein or in the Condominium Declaration;
- (ii) Prior liens or any conditions a search in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds would reveal, including, without limitation, the following:
 - a. municipal taxes;
 - b. mortgages;
 - c. State of Maine liens.
- (iii) Applicable laws and regulations of the State of Maine and the Town of Bethel municipal ordinances, ordinances and restrictions, regulations, permits and approvals, and municipal building, fire protection; and
- (iv) The Time-Share Estate(s) shall be sold subject to real estate taxes assessed by and due and payable to the Town of Bethel, Maine and subject to Bethel, Maine real estate taxes for the current year. The Bethel Inn does not represent or warrant the accuracy or completeness of any information or any real estate figures received from the Town of Bethel regarding the status of the Time-Share Estate(s) and disclaims any responsibility or liability for their accuracy or completeness.

Possession of the Time-Share Estate(s) shall be given to the purchaser upon transfer of title. All rights of redemption of the prior Time-Share Owner(s) are extinguished upon sale of the Time-Share Estate(s). The deed to the purchaser for the Time-Share Estate(s) will be a during the same calendar year in which the estate is purchased, the purchaser shall pay the assessment for that year. The purchaser shall at his/her cost pay all real estate transfer taxes, whether assessed to purchaser or seller.

The high bidder must submit at the sale a deposit of one thousand dollars (\$1000). In cash or by certified or cashier's check, which sum will be retained as a non-refundable, non-interest bearing down payment to be applied to the purchase price. Checks should be made payable to Escrow Account of Michael T. Steven & Associates. The highest bidder must also sign a purchase and sale contract with the Bethel Inn, calling for a closing within two business (2) days of the public sale, at which time the balance will be due in cash or by certified or cashier's check payable to the Bethel Inn, who will then deliver a duly executed quitclaim deed without covenant. In the event the Bethel Inn (or its designee) is the highest bidder, no down payment or contract will be required. The sale will be made without warranties or representations.

The Time-Share Estates, if there are more than one listed above, must be sold in individual lots unless there are no individual bidders, in which case they may be sold as a group.

Other terms and conditions of sale, including additions to or modifications of the terms set forth above, may be announced at the sale.

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Contact information for the Bethel Inn: Barbara DiPaolito, Tel. (207) 824-2175.

Attorney for the Bethel Inn Corporation: Michael T. Steven, Michael T. Steven & Associates, 111 Main St. Bethel, ME 04217 ~ Telephone (207) 824-2588

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Enjoy exploring the Western Foothills of Maine as you take in the autumn colors to inspire you as you hop shop to shop. We have chosen some delightful Batiks by Hoffman Fabrics in a wide array of fall colors and then some.

Our participating shops this year are: North Woods Quilting in Wilson Mills, The Quilt Shop at the Rostay in Bethel, Kedar Quilts and Gallery in Waterford, Oxford Mill End Store in Oxford, Sew Orchid

in Norway and Fiber Arts Cottage in Bridgton. During the Shop Hop, each quilt shop will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 26 to Oct. 3.

You may pick up your passport at the first shop you choose to visit and drop your completed passport off at the last shop. Don't forget to sign up for each in-house drawing and receive a free pattern. Also take a moment to look at the unique piece each shop has created for your viewing pleasure.

All six quilt shops are looking forward to seeing you and hope you have a colorful journey.

For more information, visit a shop near you.

Woodstock Historical Society news

The Woodstock Historical Society is hosting the fall meeting of the Maine Old Cemetery Association on Saturday, Sept. 26. Registration is from 8:30 to 9:15 and costs \$3 per person.

During the morning there will be exhibits and displays. Members of the Woodstock Historical Society will give brief presentations on a variety of town related subjects. The afternoon will include tours of Lakeside Cemetery with speeches by two "notable citizens." The Universalist Church and the Woodstock Historical Society Museum will also be open at 1 p.m.

The public is welcome to attend.



SENIOR CITIZENS PICNIC: The Bethel Senior Citizens recently enjoyed their second annual picnic provided for them, at Pleasant River Campground. "We had a beautiful day and a wonderful meal put on (free to seniors) by Michael and Michelle Madore," said Fran Head. "It was a real pleasure for us to be treated to this. Thank you, Mike and Michelle, we look forward to the third annual picnic and your hospitality." Submitted photo

News from the Bethel Historical Society

Harvestfest Events Well Attended

A significant number of people attending the Chamber of Commerce's Harvestfest on the village common this past Saturday visited the Museums of the Bethel Historical Society to enjoy exhibits, rug hooking demonstrations, cider making, book signings, and an illustrated lecture on coastal Maine hooked rugs. The Society wishes to thank Jim Witherell, Cathy Newell, Lois Ruff, Ellen Marshall, Bettyann Hastings, Jackie Bell, and Stanley Howe for their time and talent. Society staff members Will Chapman, Danna Nickerson and Randy Bennett were also on hand during the day to assist where needed.

50th Anniversary Planning Underway

The Bethel Historical Society was founded at the Bethel Library on May 31, 1966, under the capable leadership of local historian Eva M. Bean (1895-1999). Consequently, in just a few months' time the organization will inaugurate a year-long celebration in honor of its 50th anniversary! To prepare for this ma-

jor milestone, BHS staff and members of the Programs, Exhibits and Publications Committee are already at work planning for new exhibits, special programs and fun ways to mark a half century of collecting, preserving and sharing local and regional history from the Society's Museums on Broad Street. Among the possibilities being discussed are the ever-popular "Antiquarian Supper" (a tradition going back to 1855), a spring program on maple sugaring history, an exhibition focusing on the western Rangeley Lakes entitled "They Took to the Woods," a musical event/fundraiser featuring a well-known participant from the "Music Without Borders" concert series, and much, much more. A schedule of BHS Golden Anniversary Programming will be published early in 2016, with frequent updates and additions appearing on the Society's Facebook page and within its e-News posts. Stay tuned!

Annual Fund Campaign Launched

Now that the 2015 Annual Meeting is history, BHS friends and members will soon receive a special mailing soliciting support for the Society's "50th Anniversary Annual Fund Campaign."

This yearly fall fund-raiser allows the Society's staff and volunteers to maintain daily operations at its two Museums and to offer programs, exhibits and research activities that make the region's history meaningful, accessible, and enjoyable for thousands of adults and school-age children.

To assist the Society in reaching its 50th anniversary goal, a special category

of "Golden Anniversary Donors" is being created for those who either donate \$50 or more as a first gift, or who add that much to their 2014 donation. Individuals and organizations falling into this group will be listed separately in the Society's next "Report of Giving" (published in 2016) and will also receive a unique, 50th anniversary commemorative thank-you gift with their acknowledgment letter. Anyone not already on the Society's mailing list and who is interested in becoming a Golden Anniversary Donor may call the Society at 207-824-2908 or e-mail the main office at info@bethelhistorical.org.

Located on Broad Street in Bethel (established in 1768 and incorporated in 1796), the Bethel Historical Society collects, preserves, displays, and interprets the history of western Maine and the White Mountain region of Maine and New Hampshire through exhibits, lectures, events, and publications. The "Museums of the Bethel Historical Society" feature six exhibit galleries and nine period rooms spread throughout two buildings - the 1821 O'Neil Robinson House and the 1813 Dr. Moses Mason House. An extensive on-site research library contains books, manuscripts, maps and photographs available to members and the general public year-round by appointment. The Society's museum collection contains thousands of objects that tell the story of the town of Bethel and the surrounding region. Throughout the year, the Society provides a full schedule of high quality events (most free of charge), for people of all ages.

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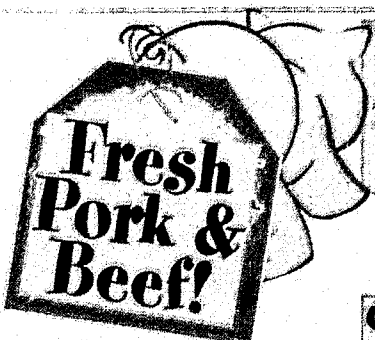
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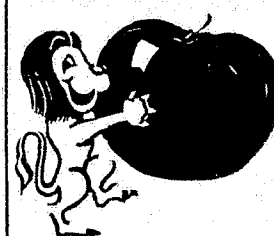
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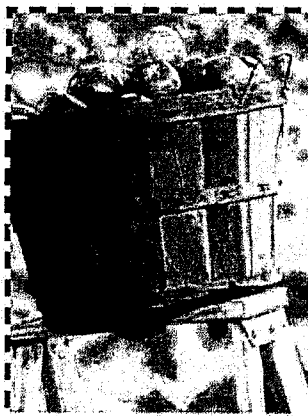
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